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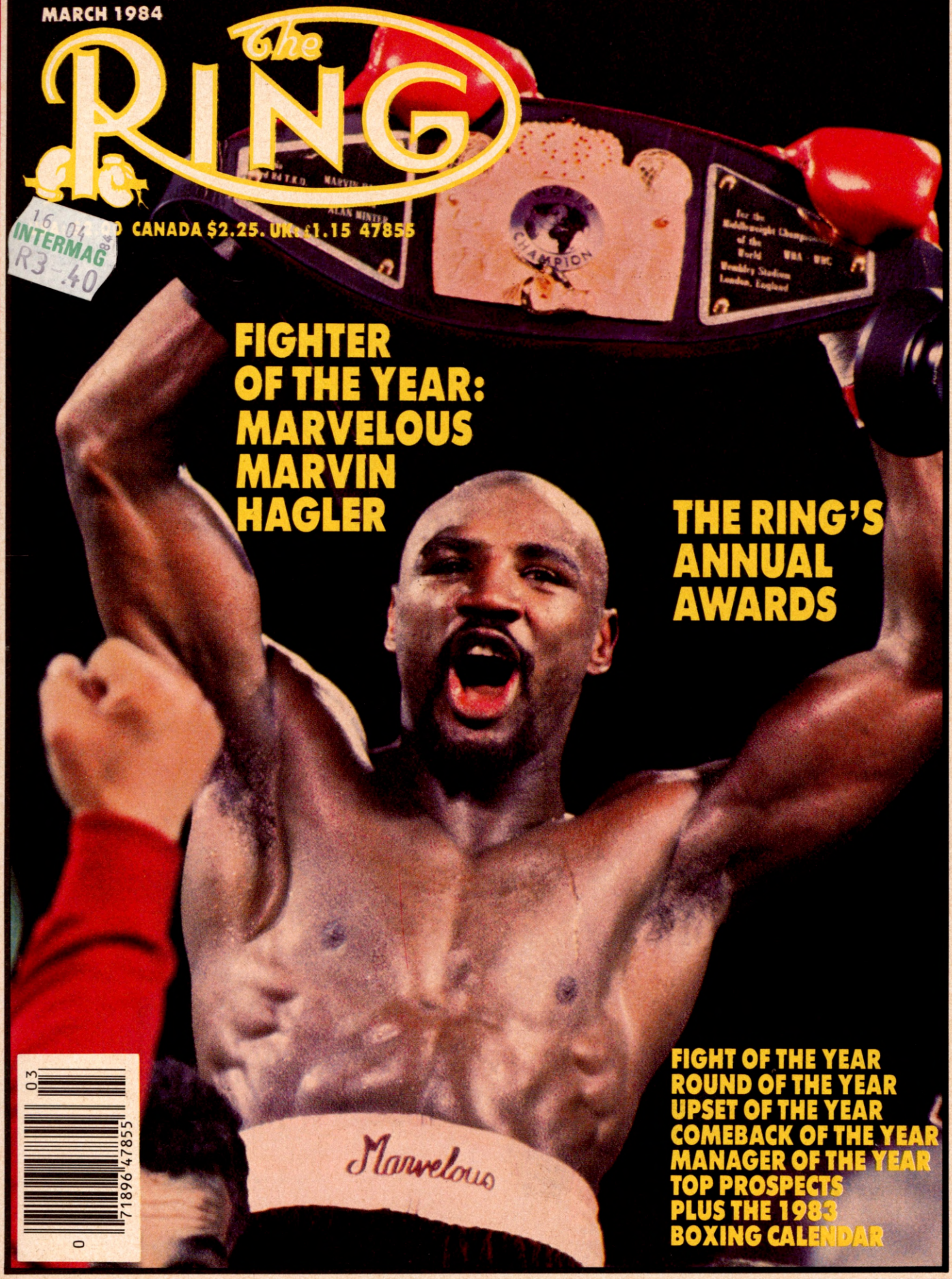

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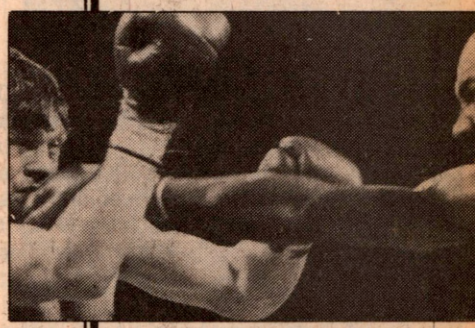

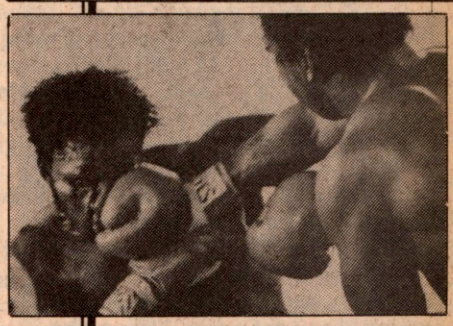

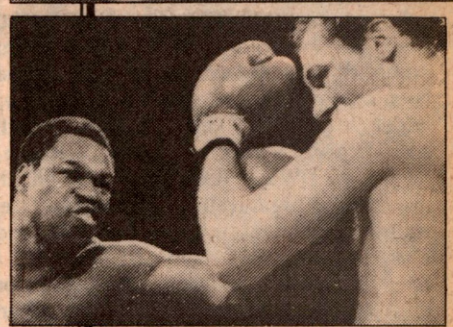

RINGSIDE

ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AGO, A STABLE OF Philadelphia stiffs, turkeys and divers began to find work around the country. They'd be called in on a moment's notice when an opponent—or two or three—couldn't make it because of illness or didn't feel up to fighting that night. They were, in effect, show savers. "The Philadelphia Death Squad", they were called.

They'd dive—or get knocked out—on one night, then appear in a different city using a different name the next night. Some of them could fight a little bit. Some of them couldn't fight at all. The ones who could fight usually would go into the tank when the going got rough. They were nobody's fool.

"Run around, joke and play, live to dive another day", was their motto.

The "Death Squad" members who couldn't fight, the ones who couldn't get away from punches were the fighters in real trouble. They don't dive. They get bloodied and hurt. They get battered and knocked out. Over and over and...

But boxing—to the promoters, to the matchmakers, to the booking agents and to the television networks—is big business. It's high ratings and money in their deep pockets. Unfortunately, the businessmen who should be profiting the most from boxing—the fighters—are the ones who, in reality, are profiting the least. In the end, it's the fighters who end up broke. In the end, it's the fighters who get hurt.

Once upon a time, a cable television station's ringside color expert discovered that one of the fighters on that night's card had been knocked out six nights earlier and was under suspension. The promoter told the color expert to "forget it, do not mention it on the air." When the announcer did, the promoters pressured the spineless executives at the station to fire the announcer. They hesitated, but eventually relented to the pressure. To them, money meant more than the safety of any fighter. I knew when I spoke up that night that I'd probably be

fired. However, I felt compelled to act with some class and honesty.

It's time to start monitoring the activities of these "Death Squad" fighters and the men who put them into the ring, who know full well that the fighter they're with is under suspension.

It's also time to closely inspect the commissions and see who knows what he's doing and who doesn't. For instance, there's this one: A member of the Ohio State Athletic Commmission—a weak commission at very best—was recently asked, "Do you think the passport system should be used throughout the world of professional boxing?" His reply was, "Any fighter who travels overseas definitely should have a passport." If his answer wasn't so dumb and so pathetic, if this person—who is supposed to be running professional boxing in his state—weren't such a "boxing illiterate," I'd be laughing loud and long. Yet, it's true. People just like this are running many commissions throughout the world—political appointees who know nothing about the job they're supposed to do.

One of Ohio's own—Billy Douglas—is a man the state athletic commission should get after now. You might remember Billy Douglas. He was one of my favorite fighters. He fought from 1967 to 1977 as a middleweight and later as a light heavyweight. As a fighter, Douglas fought hard and honestly. That's more than I can say for him as a manager, trainer and supplier of fighters—or bodies—to shows around the country. His reputation has become tarnished because of his constant work with dive artists. His once-honest approach to boxing is now filled with lies. It's time to expose men such as Douglas and know-nothing, do-nothing commissions such as the Ohio Commission.

There are a group of stiffs from Ohio—Columbus, to be exact—that the tired old Ohio Commission should send notices out on, warning other states not to use their "services." I call these stiffs "The Columbus Cooler Gang." They are about as cooled and chilled as fighters can be. They are 1984's version of the "Philadelphia Death Squad." Some members of the "Cooler Gang" include: Greg Netter, Robert Moody, Collins Keller, Scott Huston, Tom Huston, William Hodge, Greg Harper, Jesse Clark, Wendell Rutledge, Paul Rutledge and Tony Rutledge. Checking the 1983 RING RECORD BOOK, then tacking on 1983 results, we see the "Cooler Gang's" overall record is 40-147-2, including 91 knockout losses.

Where is the Ohio Commission? Why aren't these fighters being suspended? Why aren't other commissions being notified by Ohio? Why do members of the "Cooler Gang" keep fighting and fighting?

Last November 4, I was doing color commentary for the USA Network, which allows me the freedom to be honest. On the card were two of Billy Douglas' fighters. One of the fighters was Greg Netter. Another was Tony Davis. I had never heard of Tony Davis before. I never want to hear from him again. Hurt by a first-round, right hand to the

body, Davis took a dive midway through the round. I later found out his name wasn't Davis at all, but Nekoda Leftenant. Then, about Netter, who had lost 10 of his last 11 fights, I asked Douglas, "I heard Netter was kayoed only last week. Is it true?" Douglas looked me straight in the eyes and said "No, he hasn't fought since the Billy Parks fight, in June." I told him, "Billy, I hope you're telling me the truth, pal. I've heard Netter was stopped last week."

"Oh, I'm tellin' you the truth, Randy. It's the truth."

Well, upon checking after the show, I found that on October 28—seven days earlier—Netter was halted in the seventh round, in Oak Park, Michigan, by Brett Lally. Douglas cannot say he didn't know about this fight. He worked Netter's corner, as he did on November 4, with Netter losing. Again!

If the Ohio Commission really was worth anything, they'd put an end to "The Columbus Cooler Gang" and this needless herding of beef out to slaughter.

However, I doubt the inept Ohio Commission has the will to act responsibly. That's why THE RING intends to follow and monitor every move Douglas and the "Cooler Gang" make.

If the Ohio Commission can't stop them, we will!

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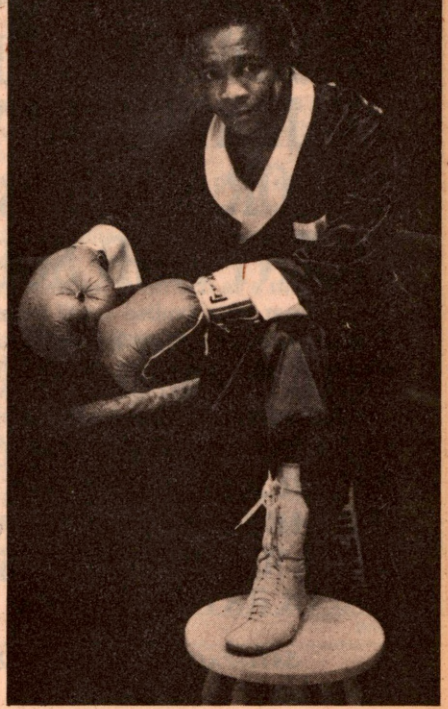

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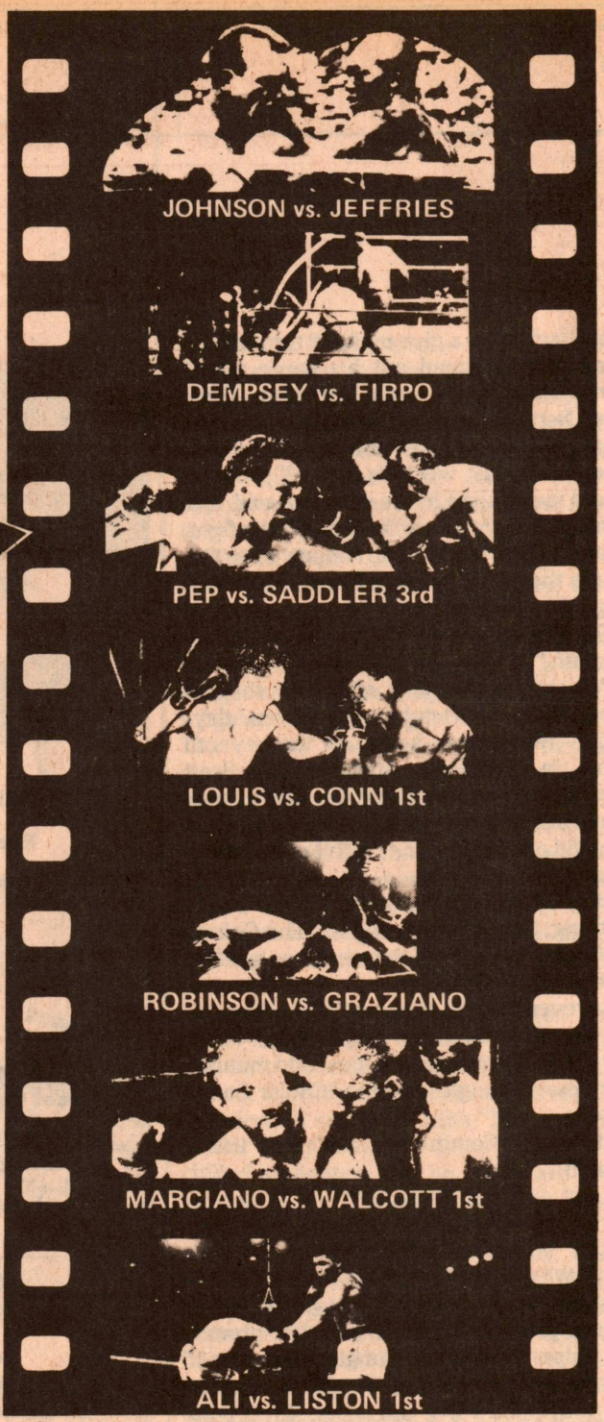

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ROUND ONE

IBF CHAMPIONSHIP CHARADE

THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION (formerly the U.S. Boxing Association/International) has given up on trying to be an improvement on the WBA and WBC; it seems so intent on sinking below those two groups' sorry level that jokesters have taken to saying that the *I* in IBF stands for "Idiotic."

The IBF recently held a cruiserweight "title fight" in Halifax, Nova Scotia between "defending champion" Marvin Camel and a local, Roddy MacDonald. Camel, for those who've forgotten, lost the WBC cruiserweight title to Carlos DeLeon in 1980 and got knocked out by DeLeon in a title rematch in 1982. So how did Marvin Camel come to be the defending IBF cruiserweight champion in 1983? Well the IBF had just stripped all of its champions (all of whom were also WBA or WBC champions as well) because, according to IBF president Bob Lee, "They wouldn't fight for us." The IBF needed to give its title to *somebody*, and was willing to walk a mile to give it to Camel. MacDonald, the challenger in this sorry spectacle, is remembered by Atlantic CIty fans for getting knocked out there in 1982 by Cornell Chavis, a fighter who had lost six of his last eight bouts.

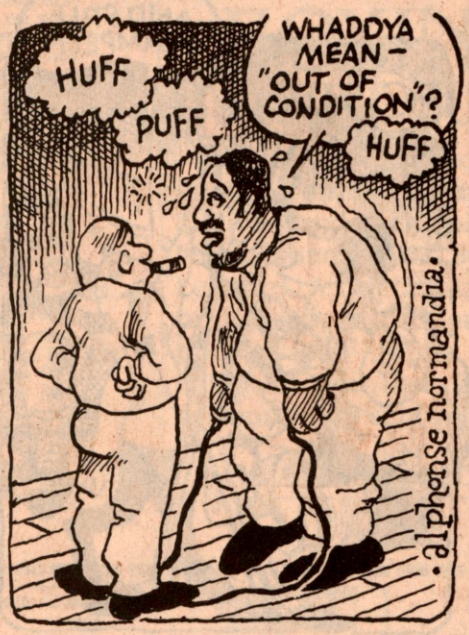
The Nova Scotia bout ended in chaos and a near riot. Camel, who had had things going his way until he got caught, and floored, by a sneak right hand in round five, got up off the floor and decked MacDonald with a shot to the groin. Referee Bobby Beaton promptly disqualified Camel, whom he had warned earlier for a low blow. But Alvin Goodman, an amateur magician who serves in the IBF, overruled the referee, even as MacDonald still lay on the canvas.

The angry crowd of 4000 shouted obscenities as Camel, still "Champion", had his hand raised in victory.

As a postscript, it's worth noting that one of the founding principles of the IBF (USBA/I) was that the group's representatives would never overrule local commission officials.

HEAVY BREATHER

FANS WHO HAVE WATCHED THE 228-255-pound James Broad gasp and slow down when the action in his fights gets heavy, have blamed the New Jersey heavyweight's alleged obesity and lack of condition for his problems. Broad's manager, Stan Hoffman, tended toward the same opinion after Broad faltered down the stretch and failed to put away Larry Alexander in an Atlantic City 10-rounder.



But after a medical check of Broad, Hoffman is apologizing to his fighter. It seems that Broad has been fighting for years with a blockage in his nasal passage that totally prevented him from breathing through his nose.

"He had Marvis Frazier out on his feet in the seventh round," says Hoffman of Broad's thrilling battle with Frazier, which Marvis won by a split decision, last April in Atlantic City. "All James needed to do was hit him one more time, but he couldn't lift his arm because he wasn't getting any oxygen."

Broad was operated on at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York to correct the rare deformity. Whether that will help him punch any better, we'll soon find out, but it evens him up with Marvis Frazier in the excuse department. Marvis had blamed his knockout loss to Broad in the amateurs on a pinched nerve in his neck, and he was operated on to fix that. Now that Broad has undergone *his* surgery, perhaps he and Marvis can fight their rubber match.

LAPORTE PAYING THE PRICE

JUAN LAPORTE ENCOUNTERED SOME good news and some bad news at the WBC convention in Las Vegas. The good news for the WBC featherweight champion was that he managed to sign for a title defense against Wilfredo Gomez that was free of any involvement with Don King, the promoter whom he and his manager, Howie Albert, despise. The bad news is that it cost him $475,000 minus taxes, compared to what he would have gotten if he had kept his mouth shut and stuck with King last summer.

King had signed LaPorte back in August to a fight with Gomez that was to gross Juan a cool million dollars. But shortly after the contract was signed, the fighter and manager Albert held a press conference in New York in which they stated that King had threatened Juan into signing the contract. King responded that the charge was preposterous, inasmuch as a million dollars seemed like a helluva a lot more than the unexciting LaPorte was worth. With Albert and LaPorte screaming that the contract was invalid, King said "Have it your way," and tore the contract up.

What followed was a lot of machinations and bluffs, with King and Gomez' manager, Yamil Chade, saying that they would forget about LaPorte and that Gomez would instead challenge WBC junior lightweight champion Hector Camacho. But Gomez

then said that that wasn't so and that he still wanted LaPorte.

In the mean time Gomez, who had been inactive since giving up his World Junior Featherweight Championship in the spring, was in danger of losing his number one WBC featherweight ranking, which would have meant that he was no longer a mandatory challenger for LaPorte. Gomez fired his manager Chade, and Wilfredo's accountant and acting-manager, Ismael Sanchez lobbied with the WBC and succeeded in keeping Gomez in the important top slot.

LaPorte didn't help matters when he went and lost a non-title fight to Gerald Hayes in Atlantic City in November.

The WBC put the LaPorte-Gomez fight up for purse bids at the convention. Not surprisingly, Don King refrained from submitting a bid. The winning bid came from Murad Muhammad, whose offer of $700,000 combined purses topped the only other bid, Bob Arum's $600,000. WBC rules say that when a bout goes up for purse bids, the champion gets 75 percent and the challenger gets 25 percent, meaning that the $700,000 is split $525,000 for LaPorte and $175,000 for Gomez. For LaPorte, that meant a drop of $475,000 from the million he had originally signed for. Gomez, who had been promised half a million dollars by King, lost $325,000 in the new deal.

As if the substantial downscaling of the promotion isn't enough, it remains unclear whether the LaPorte-Gomez fight will in fact come off. Muhammad's regular partner, Bob Andreoli, backed out of this promotion after his spokesman announced that he would put up the money. It may be that LaPorte-Gomez is still too high-priced to sell.

ALEXIS READY TO RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE—FOR REAL

ALEXIS ARGUELLO LISTENED CLOSELY to Nicaraguan rebel leader, Eden Pastora, who urged the former three-division champion to confine his fight against his country's Sandinista leadership to the international political arena (*Round One*, December). But Arguello has decided nonetheless to join the fighting in the trenches.

The popular Arguello shocked the audience at a testimonial dinner that was held for him at the Sands in Atlantic City on the night before the hotel staged the Chandler-Muniz fight, telling the assemblage, "This may be the last time you'll ever see me." Arguello disclosed that he is leaving his wife and children behind in Miami, while he joins the *contra* forces in the Nicaraguan jungle.

THE OLD PLANTATION BLUES

QUESTION: WHO'S THE ONLY OPPONENT to beat both Joe Louis and Joe Frazier? The answer may turn out to be Uncle Sam's Internal Revenue Service. The IRS, famed conqueror of Louis, billed Frazier $115,000 for back taxes that the bureau claims the former Heavyweight Champion avoided by improperly claiming his mother's home as a business. Frazier insists that the $220,000 in deductions are legitimate and he has sued the IRS in U.S. Tax Court in Philadelphia.

The property in question is a 365-acre plantation in Yemasee, (Beaufort County) S.C. that Frazier purchased as a gift for his mother after he beat Muhammad Ali to retain his title in 1971. "The purpose was to buy the place so my family could have a goal, make a living for themselves," Frazier testified in court.

"God doesn't want any more than the truth," said Frazier's 74-year-old mother, Dolly, testifying on Joe's behalf. "I didn't want a plantation. We didn't accumulate anything but trouble."

The trouble was mounting losses, sustained when the Fraziers were unable to sell the tomatoes and cucumbers that they had planted, and the 50 head of cattle that they had purchased got sick and died. Joe Frazier took tax deductions on the plantation for the years 1971-'76.

COULD LEONARD PULL A 'NO MAS'?

COMEBACKING SUGAR RAY LEONARD'S precondition that "thumbless" gloves be used in all of his future fights has elicited mixed reactions. The charismatic Leonard's box office appeal—and his ability to make opponents, as well as himself, rich—are so great that so far none of the fighters mentioned as probable future foes have said that they would be unwilling to go along. That someone of Leonard's stature has embraced the thumbless glove may put some wind behind the sails of the movement to make the controversial new mitt standard.

Ironically, in New York, the state that has pioneered the thumbless glove, the State Athletic Commission is threatening to refuse to license Leonard to fight with *any* glove, thumbs or no. Chairman John Branca, aware that his commission seemed to establish a precedent by refusing to license other fighters—i.e. Harold Weston Jr.—who have suffered detached retinas, says of licensing Leonard: "It's not an easy decision. It would be criminal to allow him in the ring and have one blow cause him to lose his eyesight."

Leonard's trainer and cornerman, Angelo Dundee is no fan of thumbless gloves. "It throws off the balance of a fighter," says Dundee. "And what are you supposed to do if you stumble and have to grab the ropes? Grab 'em with your teeth!?" But Dundee will go along with Leonard's decision. "It makes

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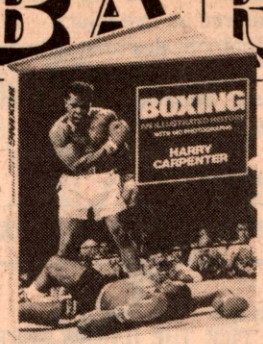

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it a different game," says Angelo whimsically.

The title that is Leonard's immediate goal, following his tune-up fight with Kevin Howard, is the WBC welterweight crown held by Milton ("The Iceman") McCrory. Ray has had a sore spot for Milton, a Kronk Gym stablemate of Leonard's old victim, Tommy Hearns, ever since McCrory said, "I hope Ray comes back. 'Cause if he fights me I'll go for his bad eye."

McCrory's manager, Emanuel Steward says that Leonard's insistence on thumbless gloves shows that Ray is psychologically beaten already. "The fact that he's talking about thumbless gloves shows that he's worried about his eye," says Steward, discounting the claim of Leonard's eye surgeon, Dr. Ron Michels, that Ray is in no greater danger than any other fighter. "In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if Leonard gets his left eye swollen in a fight, that he just quits in his corner."

Yet for all the tough talk, and the suggestion that Leonard will pull a "no mas," Steward seems a bit scared to put McCrory in with Leonard. "I don't want my young kid fighting him before the fall," says Emanuel. "I have to do what's best for Milton."

The World Boxing Council promptly ranked Leonard number one in the welterweights when he announced his comeback, indicating that McCrory will not be allowed to duck Ray indefinitely even if he is so-inclined. But if Milton delays for too long, Leonard may go after WBA champion Donald Curry instead, leaving the "Iceman"—holding a paper crown—out in the cold.

'SEAL' OF DISAPPROVAL

ONE OF THE INEVITABLE BY-PRODUCTS of Sugar Ray Leonard's decision to return to boxing has been the reams of unsolicited advice and "the-sky-is-falling" type commentary that newspapers have seen fit to print.

Most hysterical was Dick Young's column in the *New York Post.* Young wrote that he has "lost all respect" for Sugar Ray, who would dare to box after one of the country's leading ophthalmologists pronounced his repaired retina fully-healed.

Funniest was the ominous headline over a small item in the *Los Angeles Times* which read: SUGAR RAY, REMEMBER BOBBY SEALES. Bobby Seales, for any of you—including the *L.A. Times,* apparently—who have forgotten, was a member of the Black Panthers, arrested on a homicide charge in the 1960s. There is no record of Bobby Seales ever having boxed, or ever having suffered an eye injury.

Nor is Bobby Seales related to Sugar Ray Seales, a fighter whose blindness, induced by reckless behavior, has been widely reported.

TRACKING THE HAWK

THE "PICK THE HAWK'S NEXT FIGHT" contest, which ran in *Round One,* December has been a rousing success and is closed to further entries as of February 1. We promised a pair of free tickets to Aaron Pryor's comeback fight to the reader who correctly guessed who the recently-retired Junior Welterweight Champion will unretire against and came closest to picking the right date.

Sifting through the pile of responses, the name Boom Boom Mancini is the most popular, with Sugar Ray Leonard a distant second. Pryor still maintains that his retirement is for real and who knows?—Maybe it is. Special thanks to all who entered; should Pryor unretire, we'll publish the name of our lucky winner.

BILLY GILES: THE BIGGEST HIT IN PUERTO RICO SINCE BOBBY KNIGHT

PUERTO RICAN-BORN NEW YORKER Hector Camacho felt like an outsider when he defended his WBC junior lightweight championship against Puerto Rican born-and-bred Rafael Solis in San Juan. The crowd at the Roberto Clemente Coliseum threw its support behind the underdog challenger and at times booed the flashy, cocky champion. Many in the Puerto Rican boxing community regretted the unnecessary ill-will that was fostered and the Chairman of the Puerto Rican Boxing Commission sent Camacho a friendly, conciliatory letter. But Camacho's manager, Billy Giles, responded with a public outburst against Puerto Rico and Puerto Ricans that left the islanders fuming.

"We have not failed you and will not," wrote Joe Loubriel, Chairman of the P.R.B.C. in his letter advice and apology to Camacho. "Hector, you are as important to every Puerto Rican's pride as Jose Torres was when he was champion and as were Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson to their people.

"Remember, the boxing public can be a jealous lover. And also remember, you need your fans as much as they need you. I assure you we"ll try to make things better next time."

Giles responding by telling the Puerto Rican newspaper, *El Nuevo Dia:* "We won't fight there (Puerto Rico) again. The fans had him but didn't know how to appreciate him. For us, Puerto Rico is like South Africa."

"What Giles is saying could cause problems like have never been seen," commented an angry Loubriel. "If what he wants to do is divide the Puerto Rican and black people (Giles is black), this is the way to do it."

Camacho would be best served by telling the obnoxious Giles to shut his mouth.

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU WRITE, AS LONG AS YOU SPELL MY NAME RIGHT

HECTOR CAMACHO MAY FEEL THAT while he's unappreciated in Puerto Rico (see above), he's like a king in New York. So it must bother the "Macho Man" that his hometown newspaper still can't spell his name.

Even after Camacho has fought on national TV repeatedly, and after he won and defended the WBC junior lightweight championship, the headlines in the New York *Daily News*—the country's largest circulation, general interest daily—still spell "Macho's" last name "Comacho."

COETZEE: YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN

AMERICAN BOXING FANS HAVE THE impression that Gerrie Coetzee is a South African national hero with a long-time lock on the hearts of his countrymen. But the image is not entirely accurate. Coetzee was heavily criticized in South Africa when he lost in WBA heavyweight title challenges to John Tate and Mike Weaver and much of the South African press ridiculed him when he prepared to challenge Michael Dokes.

After Coetzee beat Dokes for the WBA title in September, many of his critics jumped on the Coetzee bandwagon. But much of Gerrie's bitterness still remained. Gerrie caused a major uproar in South African sporting circles when he failed to show up at a formal dinner where he was to be honored as his country's "Sportsman of the Year" for

his knockout of Dokes. "I don't know what to say. Gerrie should have been here," said Coetzee's father Flip, when accepting the award.

Gerrie says that it's much ado about nothing, and that the organizers failed to inform him about the dinner before it was too late. But he doesn't deny his disillusionment with many in his home country. "When I got back to South Africa after beating Dokes, people called to congratulate me for winning the *wrestling* championship," says Coetzee. "They think I'm a wrestler."

Coetzee's first title defense is now likely to be in South Africa, because there's more money in it there. But Gerrie wasn't being untruthful when, upon winning the title in Ohio he said, "I want to defend my title where I won it—in the United States." Coetzee's promoter, Cedric Kushner is currently negotiating for a bout between Coetzee and World Champion Larry Holmes. Gerrie says he wants the bout in the U.S. rather than South Africa because, "that'll put a lot less pressure on both of us."

ROCKY'S MONEY IN THE BAG

WHEN ROCKY MARCIANO WAS killed in a plane crash in 1969, he left his family with no insurance and little in the way of assets. His widow, who died five years later, and his children spent years trying to track down the fortune that "The Rock" was reputed to have stashed away, much of it in cash.

Rocky Marciano Jr., now a 15-year-old high school student in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and too young to remember his father, says that the great Heavyweight Champion "never made a will because he never thought he would die so young." In New York to present an award in memory of Marciano at the Downtown Athletic Club, Rocky Jr. related a story his older sister had told him: She had gone to a movie with her father and Rocky brought in a brown paper bag which he stuck under his seat. Rocky forgot about the bag on the way out but his daughter remembered it. When she gave it to him later, she found out that it contained $40,000 in cash.

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OUTGOING BASEBALL COMMISSIONER, Bowie Kuhn, giving another farewell address to the clubowners at the winter meetings in Nashville, Tenn.: "I've given so many retirement speeches that I'm beginning to feel like Muhammad Ali."

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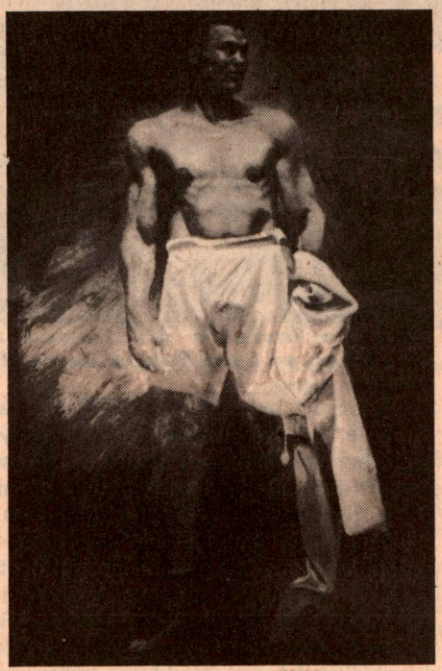

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A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE

BY MICHAEL KATZ

WHEN THERE'S A BUCK TO BE MADE, principles become expendable, for this is the most pragmatic of all possible worlds. It may well be the only world, in fact, with prospects of having three world heavyweight boxing champions (four, if you count Monte Masters of Pat O'Grady's World Athletic Association, which is like believing in Santa Claus because you're his son-in-law).

I do not applaud Larry Holmes, nor condemn him, for doing what is best for Larry Holmes, even if it goes against one of the worthiest principles of the World Boxing Council constitution: Champions should and must defend their titles against the best challengers.

Holmes instead told the WBC to take back its $1.99 belt. He will not defend it against the mandatory challenger, Greg Page, for the starvation wage of $2.5 million. At the age of 34, Larry has grown wise to the fact that $8 million buys more groceries than $2.5 million and is opting to arrange a bout against Gerrie Coetzee, the heavyweight champion of the world according to barf (also known as the World Boxing Association). So when a new WBC champion emerges from a bout between Page and Tim Witherspoon, then there will be three, Holmes having picked up the unnecessary sanctity of the International Boxing Federation.

There is a curious irony to the end of Holmes's 5½-year reign with the WBC. He became champion through another of that organization's worthy principles: There should be no immediate rematches in title fights so that Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson can stop knocking each other down. Back in 1978, affronted when Leon Spinks gave Muhammad Ali a rematch, the WBC stripped Mr. Spinks of the title and gave it to Ken Norton, who in turn had it taken away by Mr. Holmes.

WBC rules, principled though they might be, remind me of the Soviet constitution. It's a hell of a book, but you don't want to see the movie because it only works on paper. WBC principles, apply, apparently, only when they are in Don King's interest.

WBC principles disallowed rematches, so Leon Spinks had a title taken away.

Jose Sulaiman guards the WBC rules with the fervor of Alfonso Bedoya, playing another Mexican bandito in "The Treasure of Sierra Madre," telling Bogart and friends, "Badge? Badge? I don' gotta show you no lousy badge." In 1978, Sulaiman acted according to his principles and took a title away from Spinks, who was controlled by King's good friend, Bob Arum, and gave it to Norton, who was controlled by King. Norton's first defense, would you believe, was against the winner of a fight between Holmes and Earnie Shavers, both of whom were controlled by guess who. But, of course, only the principle of not allowing immediate rematches was involved.

This worthy principle did not apply when Sugar Ray Leonard lost the WBC welterweight title to Roberto Duran. Leonard was given an immediate rematch "for the good of boxing," Sulaiman said (that King controlled Duran, who was to earn his biggest payday, was merely a coincidence). Last year, Sulaiman stripped Bobby Chacon of the WBC 130-pound title for fighting the WBC's number one contender, Cornelius Boza-Edwards, instead of Hector Camacho, who happened to be under King's promotional aegis. Sulaiman, of course, said Chacon was stripped for principles, as when a promoter (King, with options on Chacon) has certain rights. That King had nothing to do with Chacon's career and obtained those options only by giving Chacon a title shot against Bazooka Limon, does not matter, even if King's contract with three options, instead of one, was against the WBC's own rules. Principles, Sulaiman insisted.

Holmes, who purportedly had only a seventh-grade education, was meanwhile learning an even more basic principle: promoters must make more money than fighters do. Larry then decided he could be a promoter, too, before "selling out" his promotional rights to a Coetzee bout (we won't go into some delicious speculation about conflict of interest since we're sure that promoter Holmes would not have given one of his fighters a smaller dressing room than the others, nor would he have demanded options on Coetzee in case of an upset). Holmes merely was trying to adopt the "Trainer Plan", so successfully used by Mike Trainer, Leonard's lawyer.

It is Trainer's belief, principled or not, that Leonard is the attraction who draws $50 million grosses, not King, not Arum, not even Butch Lewis. Thus, Trainer picks the opponent, strikes a deal, then "hires" a promoter for what amounts to a salary plus bonus. This naturally goes against the principles of most promoters, especially the ones not chosen by Trainer.

"I been knowing how the world turns," Holmes said when he began lashing out against promoters in general.

Russell Peltz, a paranoid of virtue, took offense to some of the remarks by Holmes and Alexis Arguello about blood-thirsty promoters. Peltz wondered how promoter Holmes would react when a manager of one of his preliminary fighters called in a last-minute sickness or why Larry didn't promote his four-round fights at the Scranton CYC years ago. But Larry would not be dissuaded from his belief that risky though the promotion game might be, it was still somewhat safer than the fighting end of the business.

"What happened to Deuk-Koo Kim?" Holmes asked. "He can't fight no more. He's dead. Or that kid (Kiko Bejines) who died in that fight King promoted. He can't fight no more. Or Sugar Ray Seales with his eyes punched out. He can't fight no more."

Most fighters can not follow the trail blazed by Leonard and now deepened by Holmes. Most fighters have to live with the principles of the WBA, the WBC and now the IBF (initials, incidentally, used first by Harry's New York Bar in Paris for its International Bar Fly club, but appropriate for boxing, as well). Luckily, these are the same men of high principle who make mockery of their own rules and travesties of their ratings. For it is no good to protect the public from champions hiding their crowns from deserving challengers when the challengers forced upon the champions are merely friends of the men with the high principle.

Greg Page, of course, is a deserving challenger, even though he has friends of principle. But business is business and the world is not lining up to buy $500 ringside tickets to see him fight, and very possibly beat, Larry Holmes. Not yet. The world, being what worlds usually are, seems more interested now in watching Holmes fight Gerrie Coetzee (although not to the tune of $25-$30 million for Mr. Holmes, who will learn that promoting is not as easy as it seems).

All right, then. Let Holmes fight Coetzee. So what if that reduces the population of world heavyweight champions back to two (again, not counting the man who married Sweet Rosie O'Grady).

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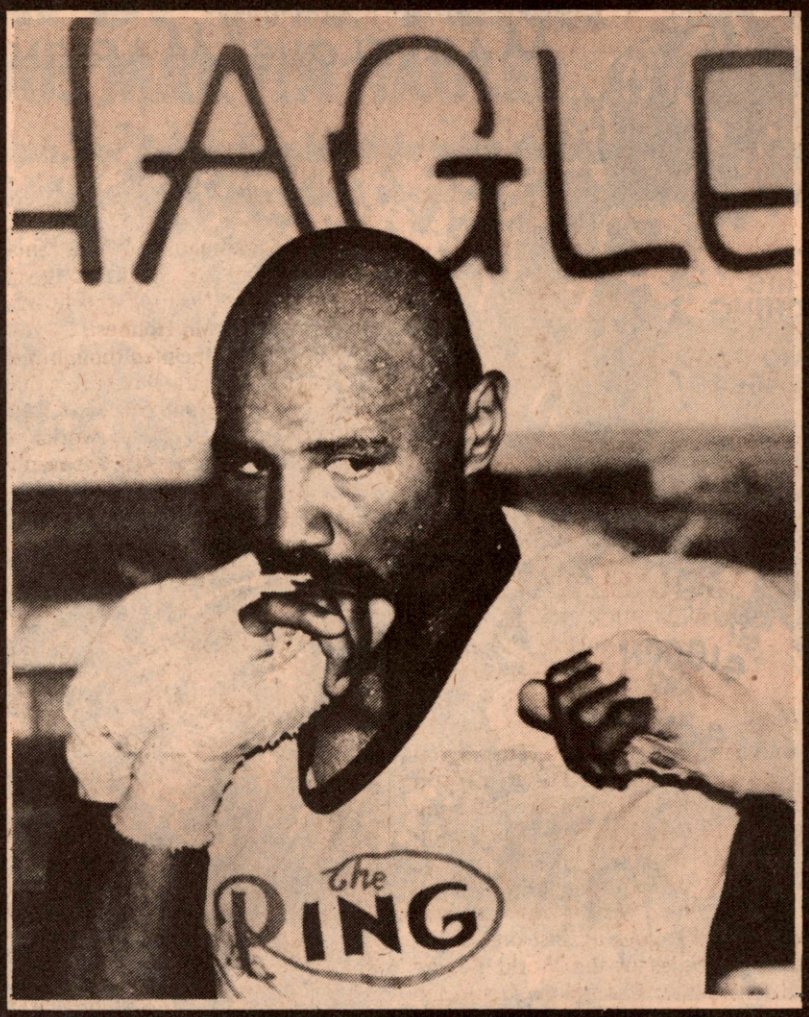

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BY NIGEL COLLINS

1983 WAS A YEAR THAT PRODUCED FEW outstanding fights and no great ones. Among the many fighters who toiled, only one stood out above the crowd—Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

In a year when boxing threatened to bury itself in an avalanche of tragic ineptitude, Hagler's reliable presence has been a much needed port of refuge. His three successful defenses of the undisputed middleweight title were reassuring examples of true professionalism. Boxing needed Hagler's stoic dependability badly during the past 12 months and Marvin delivered with the same blue-collar dignity that has been the hallmark of his entire career.

When Sugar Ray Leonard hung up his gloves in November of 1982, he handed his best-pound-for-pound mantle to Hagler on a proverbial silver platter. There were, of course, those who felt that Hagler's deadly skills were as big a factor in Sugar Ray's decision to retire as was his detached retina. Now that Leonard has announced his return to boxing, some of the same cynics figure his return was influenced by the fact that Hagler failed to utterly destroy Roberto Duran. Whatever the case, Hagler is obviously boxing's current benchmark, the measure of excellence by which today's fighters are judged.

Hagler's first bout of the year was an indication not only of his prowess as a fighter, but also of his growing popularity at the box office. The Worcester Centrum, in Hagler's home state of Massachusetts, had sold all of its 13,804 tickets just 48 hours after they went on sale. The enthusiastic fans saw Hagler in his finest form, battering challenger Tony Sibson, who was rated number one by the WBC and number two by *The Ring*, into dismal defeat.

"Marvin Hagler is a great fighter," said the vanquished Englishman. "He made my mistakes look worse than anyone else could have made them. He was an artist."

It was indeed a virtuoso performance. The champion negated Sibson's stubborn rushes with a graceful blend of lateral movement and precision punching, knocking him down twice before referee Carlos Padilla rescued the bleeding challenger 2:40 into the sixth round.

Hagler disappointed some by failing to put away Roberto Duran, but Marvelous Marvin convincingly retained his title in the most-publicized fight of 1983.

Like fellow Brocktonite, Rocky Marciano, Hagler gets blamed for the alleged lack of talent in his division. This is hardly fair. Although Sibson's bull-like style made him a perfect foil, his subsequent knockout over hot prospect John Collins proved that Tony was, and still is, a viable contender. It is not Marvin's fault that he stands head-and-shoulders above his contemporaries.

Next on Hagler's itinerary was Wilford Scypion, who had earned the WBC's top ranking by upsetting Frank (The Animal) Fletcher. As it turned out, Marvin had a much tougher time with the WBC and the WBA than with Scypion. The WBC wanted the match to be scheduled for 12 rounds, in compliance with their newly initiated "safe-

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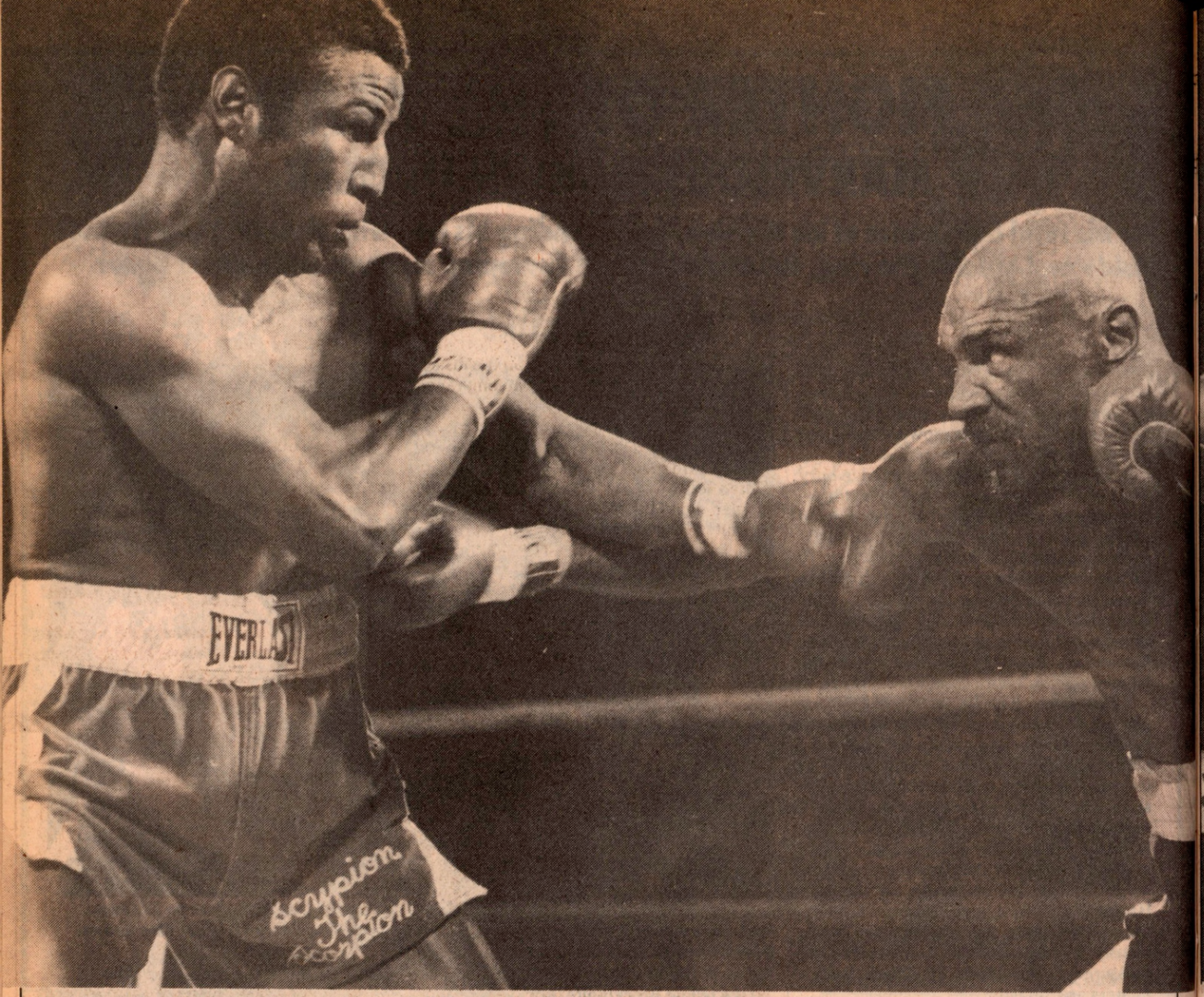

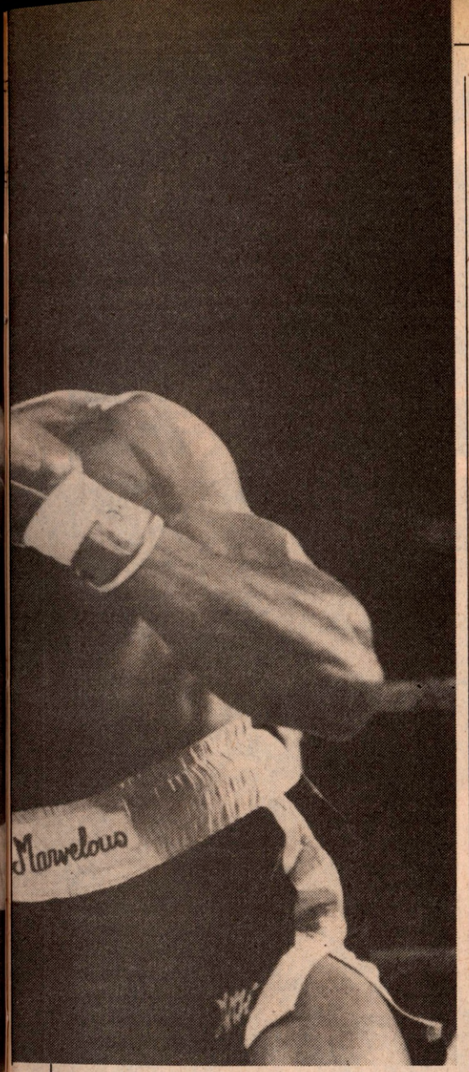

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ty" rules. When Hagler insisted that the bout be fought over the traditional 15 round distance, the WBC—and the WBA as well—withdrew their recognition. There was a unanimous "who cares?" from the boxing community and Hagler showed the WBC and WBA exactly how much he needed them by fighting under the banner of the newly formed United States Boxing Association/International.

The fight itself, held in Providence, R.I., was another easy victory for Hagler. Earlier, Scypion's trainer, Kenny Weldon, claimed that Hagler "can't back up, and can't fight on the inside because he doesn't like to get hit." If Weldon was trying to unnerve Hagler, it certainly backfired. And once hostilities began, it was Scypion, not his trainer, who paid the price. Hagler devastated the Texan with a continuous barrage of punches for a fourth round

media had portrayed the fight as a mismatch and only the most fervent Duran supporters gave him even a remote chance of winning. In the minds of many, Hagler's victory was a foregone conclusion. Nevertheless, the fight attracted a sell-out crowd of over 15,000 and a closed circuit television audience of millions. In terms of anticipation, at least, it was the fight of the year. But as is often the case, the anticipation proved greater than the event.

Both gladiators warmed slowly to their task, showing an overabundance of respect for each other. Duran quickly learned that Hagler was too strong for him on the inside, and prudently decided to stay at long range and try to counter. Hagler's attack was persistent, yet controlled. Neither man apparently wanted to take any foolish risks. By the sixth, probably Marvin's best round, Duran looked tired and ready to be taken. Hagler continued to hold the upper hand during the middle rounds, but curiously opted to dance away the 11th, setting the stage for Roberto's 12th and 13th round rallies.

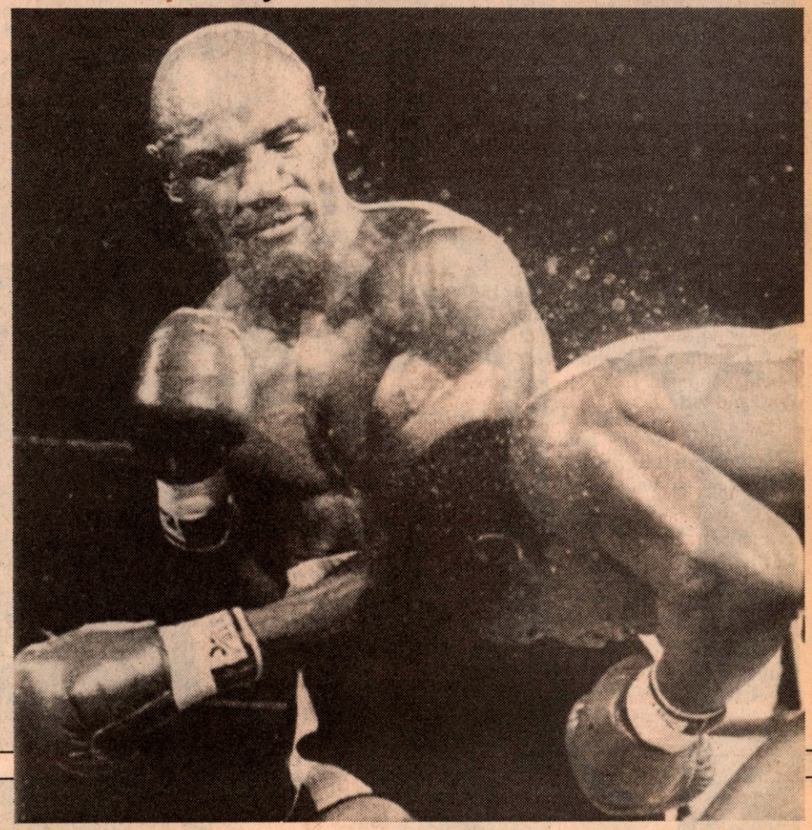
Urged on by Goody Petronelli's instructions to "show us some fight in there," Hagler displayed championship mettle in the final two rounds, pounding Duran all over the ring. Although most observers felt Marvin won with room to spare, the three blind mice (Guy Jutras of Canada, Ove Oveson of Denmark and Yassaku Yoshida of Denmark) appointed to score the fight, only gave him a narrow 144-142, 144-143, 146-145 margin of victory.

"Frankly, I don't know what the hell those guys could have been looking at," said Goody. "There's no way the fight was that close at all. Duran won a couple of rounds and I guess a couple were even, but Marvin won more than 10 rounds, no question about that."

Maybe British boxing promoter Mickey Duff put it best when he said: "Honest judges sometimes will do out of stupidity what you could never get dishonest judges to do."

For Duran it was a moral victory, for Hagler, an enigma. He had won, but his growing reputation as one of the greatest

Bottom left: Switching back and forth between southpaw and righty stances, Hagler overwhelmed the tough Brit, Tony Sibson in his first defense of the year. Here Marvin scores with a right jab; Left and Below: Hagler brushed aside WBA and WBC politics and then brushed aside top-rated contender Wilford Scypion in Providence. Marvin was in his best "destruct and destroy" form as he knocked the Texan out with a flurry in round four.



knockout. The final flurry pitched poor Wilford forward, dropping him directly in front of his conqueror.

"That's the way I wanted him, at my feet," sneered Hagler. "He's got a big mouth."

After his easy win over Scypion, Hagler was considered practically unbeatable. This posed a serious problem. In order to generate the multimillion dollar purse that Marvin felt he deserved, a marketable adversary had to be found, one who would stimulate public interest enough to create a match of that magnitude. The dilemma was solved when a rejuvenated Roberto Duran won the WBA junior middleweight crown with a crushing knockout over Davey Moore. "Hands of Stone" was suddenly a hero again and promoter Bob Arum seized the moment and matched him with Hagler.

Hagler entered the ring at Caesars Palace outdoor arena a solid 3-1 favorite. The

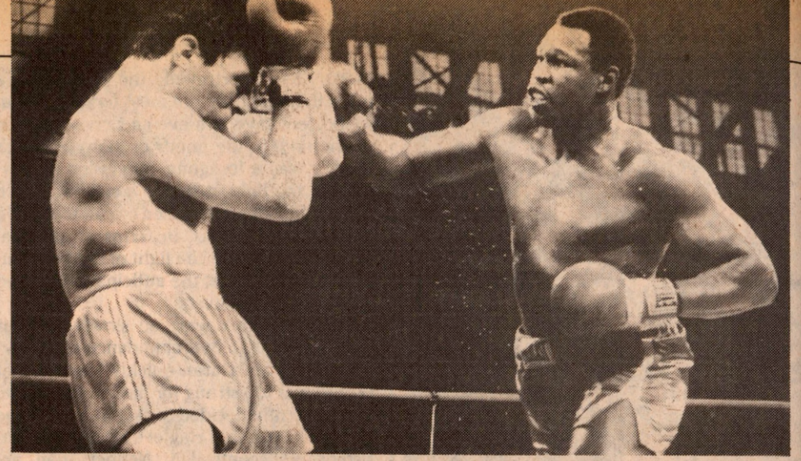
middleweights of all time, was set back in the process.

A large part of Hagler's problem is his image. The shaven head and perpetual scowl have given somewhat of a misleading impression. Despite his "destruct and destroy" motto, Hagler is not a fistic Neanderthal, nor a classic knockout artist. He is, instead, a gifted technician. His vast superiority over the majority of his opponents has led many to think of him as a destroyer.

Marvin always had the ability to alter his methods to suit the situation. Back in 1978, Hagler made the last of several forays into Philadelphia's middleweight jungle to face Bennie Briscoe. "Bad Bennie" was past his prime, but remained a very dangerous assignment and was still capable of inflicting serious damage to anyone stupid enough to stand and trade. Hagler knew this and fought accordingly. He boxed brilliantly, moving away from Briscoe the entire fight while piling up points with his southpaw jab. Hagler is essentially still the same fighter. Those who expected Marvin to tear into Duran with reckless abandon, never really understood him in the first place.

"Hey, how about giving me some credit?" Hagler said after beating Duran. "I beat a legend. I thought I did a good job. I have to give myself a pat on the back."

The editorial staff of *The Ring* heartily concur. Marvin was our unanimous selection for "Fighter of the Year."



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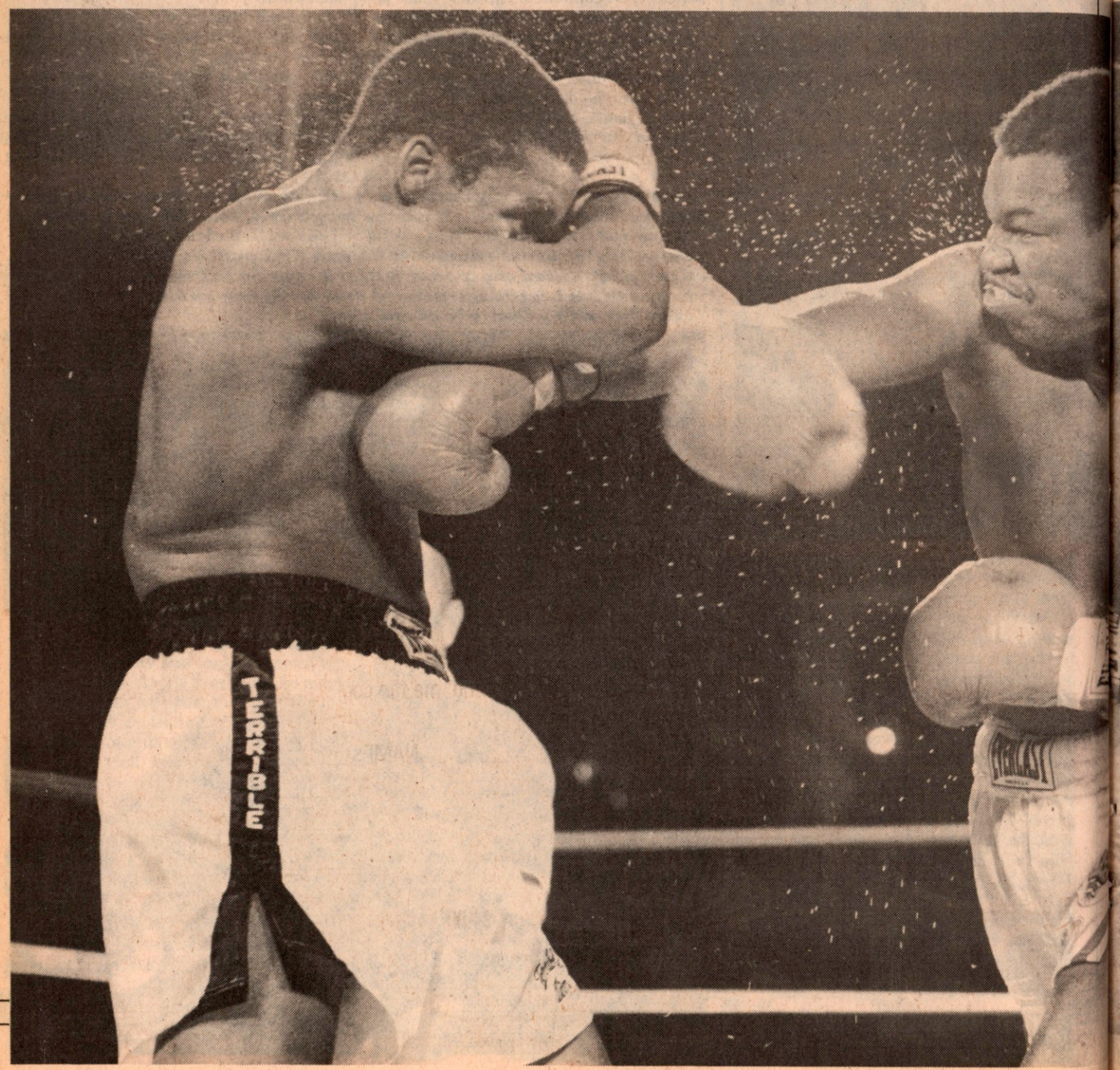

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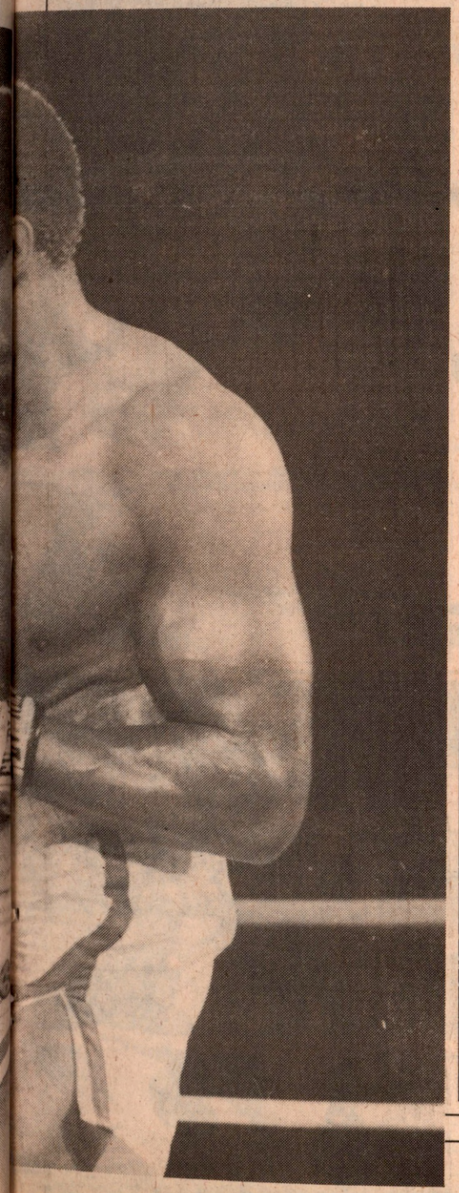

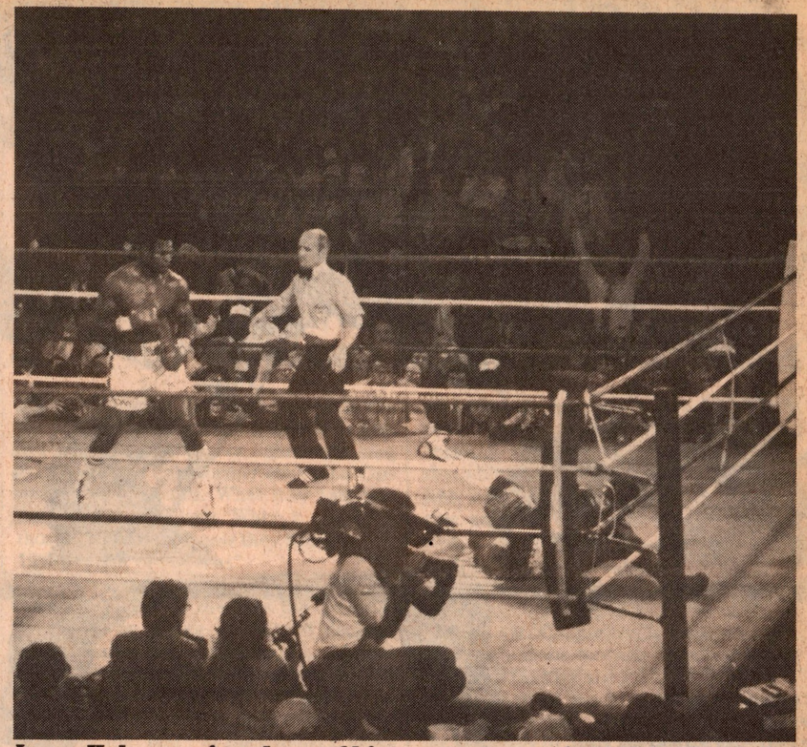

Larry Holmes enjoyed one of his greatest years in 1983. In March, he easily decisioned Lucien Rodriguez (above, left). In May, he beat Tim Witherspoon in a grueling 12 rounds (left). After a September stoppage of Scott Frank, Holmes halted Marvis Frazier in round one (above).

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION LARRY HOLMES earns runner-up spot for his busy, and highly successful, year. While it is true that several of Larry's opponents left a bit to be desired, he turned back each challenge, defending his belt more times than any other heavyweight champion since Muhammad Ali went to the post four times back in 1976.

First up was French champion Lucien Rodriguez in Scranton, Pennsylvania. This was billed as a "Homecoming" for Holmes, a native of nearby Easton. It was not one of Larry's better outings. He coasted through the match, winning a unanimous 12 round decision in a waltz.

Next was Tim Witherspoon in Las Vegas. "Terrible Tim" gave Holmes a nasty scare in the ninth, but Larry hung in to retain his title via a split decision in one of the most exciting title bouts of the year. The champion had been severely tested by one of the division's unbeaten young turks and has to be credited for fighting back under fire and pulling out a close one.

A ridiculously easy fifth round kayo over hapless Scott Frank in Atlantic City was followed by a spectacular one round blastout over Marvis Frazier in Vegas. Although the Monday morning quarterbacks called it a mismatch, it should also be remembered that several respected members of the press had given Marvis a chance of upsetting the 34-year-old titleholder. The right hand that knocked Frazier down was a beauty and would probably have put any heavyweight in the world (outside of Tex Cobb) on the deck. All-in-all, an admirable year for Holmes.

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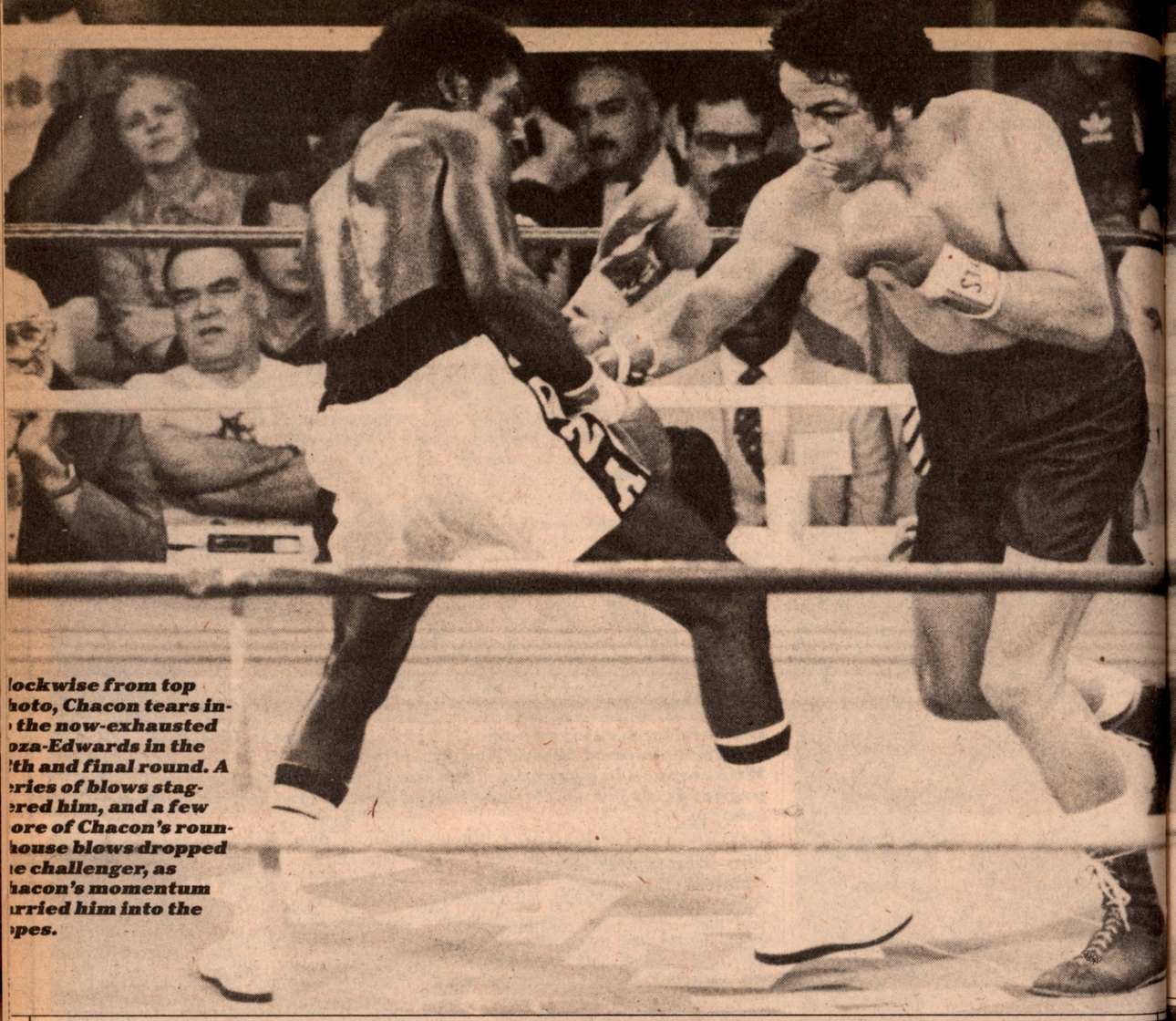
ANOTHER OLD FAVORITE WHO RECEIVED passing consideration for top honors was none other than Roberto Duran. While he lost to Hagler, Duran had an excellent season, especially if you take into account his status at the end of '82. Roberto opened the year with a fourth round blitz of Pipino Cuevas and then captured the WBA junior middleweight title with a savage knockout over Davey Moore. His stalwart effort against Hagler went a long way towards eradicating the memory of his "No Mas" disgrace and reestablished "Manos de Piedra" as one of boxing's major attractions.



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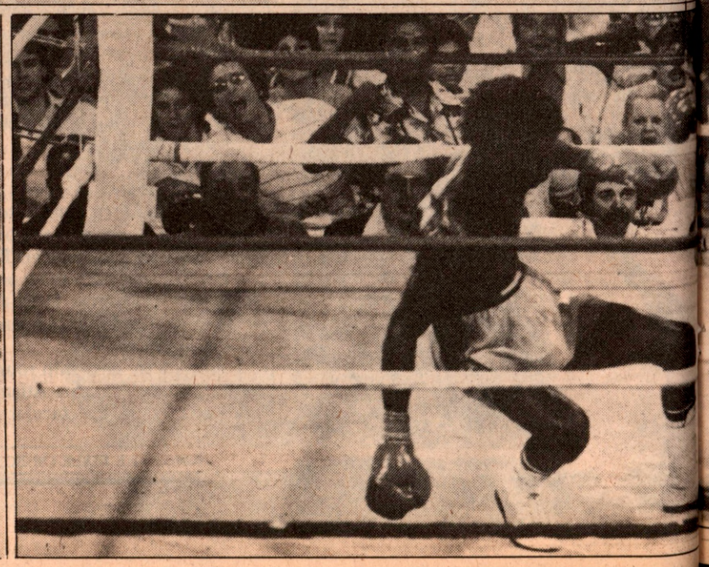

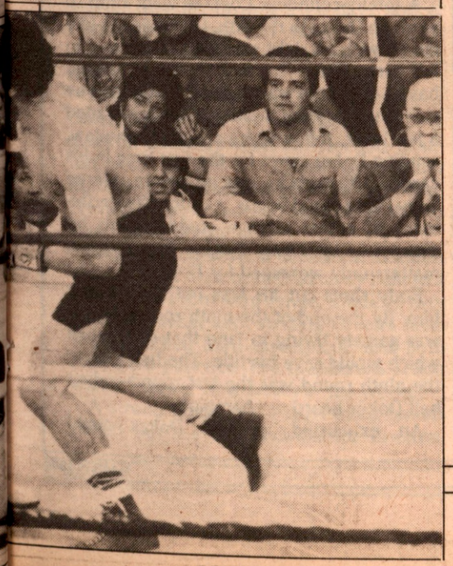

FIGHT OF THE YEAR

BOBBY CHACON W 12 (UNAN.) CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS MAY 15, CAESARS PALACE, LAS VEGAS

For the second year in a row, Chacon scores a final-round knockdown to triumph in the "Fight Of The Year."

BY RANDY GORDON

ON SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1983, A LARGE NAtional audience switched on their television sets to watch WBC junior lightweight king Bobby Chacon fight former champion Cornelius Boza-Edwards. What they saw was more than a title fight. When it was over, those who watched knew they had just seen 1983's "Fight of the Year."

For Chacon, this was the first appearance since he had won the title the previous December by taking a 15-round decision against Rafael (Bazooka) Limon in a brutal battle. That fight had been selected by the staff of THE RING as 1982's "Fight of the Year." The last fighter to be involved in the "Fight of the Year" in back-to-back years was Muhammad Ali, who fought George Foreman in 1974 and Joe Frazier in the "Thrilla' in Manila" in 1975.

When Chacon stepped through the ropes to face the 26-year-old Boza-Edwards, oddsmakers had tabbed him a 4-1 underdog. Boza-Edwards, then the third-rated junior lightweight in the world according the THE RING, was too strong, too classy, too fast and too well-rounded for the easy-to-hit Chacon to handle. At least, that's how the experts figured it.

Although the fight was contested over the WBC title distance of 12 rounds, Don King and the WBC refused to recognize it as a championship bout, due to legal action against Chacon by King.

Chacon got off to a fast start, dropping his southpaw challenger once in the first round and again in the second. "Corny" was not about to be outdone, however. Following each of those two knockdowns, Boza-Edwards stormed back and pounded Chacon along the ropes.

In the third round, it was Boza-Edwards' turn to register a knockdown, doing so with an overhand left. When Chacon arose, he did exactly what "Corny" had done in the first two rounds—fought back violently.

In fighting back, Chacon became too involved with his own offense. The thought of defense was as far away to Chacon as was signing promotional rights with Don King, about whom Chacon had said earlier, "I will never, ever fight for." Without having to contend with any defense, the usually-sharp-hitting Boza was even sharper. Right jabs, right hooks, left crosses, right uppercuts and left uppercuts strafed Chacon's face. Blood poured from both of Bobby's nostrils. Blood seeped from a corner of his right eye. Blood leaked from the corner of his left eye. By the end of the fourth round, Boza-Edwards' white trunks looked as if he had worn them through an afternoon of work in a butcher shop.

Chacon spent much of his time backed against the ropes, allowing Boza-Edwards the freedom to walk in, set his feet and punch. As the excitement-saturated rounds whizzed by, Boza-Edwards began to slow down, as would a windup doll. He began to look for single knockout drops, rather than short bursts of powerful combinations. Part of the reason was the incredible pace he was setting. Another reason was the body shots he was taking. To most of the world, Chacon's body attack had gone unnoticed. What had not gone unnoticed was his multiple cuts. On two occasions, referee Richard Steele called a time out in order to have ringside physician Dr. Edwin "Flip" Homansky inspect the damage to Chacon's shredded face.

"They kept telling me 'One more round. Just one more round,'" said Chacon. "They kept saying that for seven rounds. I'm glad they gave me the chance to show how a champion should try to retain his title."

Chacon retained his title on sheer guts—and by weakening Boza-Edwards' guts. The body shots had slowed the former titleholder to a walk by the ninth round, and to a crawl in the last two round.s One of those late-round body shots hurt Boza-Edwards so bad that he lifted his leg in agony.

With the Las Vegas crowd in a frenzy from the continued excitement and with Marv Albert, Dr. Ferdie Pacheco and NBC bringing this incredible fight to millions, Chacon and Boza-Edwards headed into the 12th and

final round.

Blood poured from seemingly every angle on Chacon's face, and the Californian stormed after Boza-Edwards. A right to the challenger's belly, followed by a left-right-left to the face, sent him sprawling. The two continued to have at each other until the final bell.

NBC's Peter Rolfe, who was the producer of the Chacon-Boza-Edwards classic, said, "While sitting in the NBC truck producing these fights, I never allow myself to get caught up in any action, no matter how exciting the fight may be. But I do remember thinking, 'This has got to be the "Fight of the Year," ' while working Chacon against Boza-Edwards."

The three judges awarded the fight to Chacon by scores of 115-113, 115-112 and 117-111. Long before the scores were announced, it was obvious—to Producer Rolfe and to millions of viewers—that this was indeed 1983's "Fight of the Year."

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FEW PEOPLE GAVE GERRIE COETZEE MUCH of a chance to beat Michael Dokes. After all, Dokes was the champ. He was unbeaten. He was also coming off a 15-round draw and a first-round knockout five months earlier against the man who had once knocked out Coetzee—Mike Weaver. Coetzee, on the other hand, hadn't fought since January, when he drew over 10 rounds with Pinklon Thomas.

Unknown to most of the world, however, Coetzee had taken on a new trainer, he being Jackie McCoy of Los Angeles. McCoy had worked on improving two aspects of Coetzee's fight game—his movement and his left hand, neither of which could be labeled "World Class."

Under McCoy's strict tutelage, Coetzee learned there are methods to avoid punches, other than backing straight up and straight back. He learned that it is not against any rules for a fighter to move left and right. He learned to get leverage on his hook and to hook off his jab. When he put all that together, he became, at least on that night, a complete fighter. When he put all that together, he became a champion, if only in the eyes of the WBA.

Abandoning his usual start-fast-and-nail-'em strategy, Dokes cautiously studied Coetzee in the opening round. In doing so, he allowed Coetzee to begin using the left hand nobody knew he possessed.

In the second round, the first hard combination Coetzee threw—a left to the head and a right to the body—caused Dokes to wince. The tone of the fight had been set. Throughout the round, Dokes wore a look of concern mixed with fear. It was a concern of what to do, and a fear of Coetzee's highly-publicized "Bionic Right."

Late in the third round, while backed against the ropes, Dokes fired a left hook which sliced Coetzee on the corner of the right eye. As blood trickled down Coetzee's face, Dokes became inspired. He rushed the South African, firing both barrels at the wounded challenger. However, Coetzee had learned his lessons well from McCoy and kept his composure under the bombardment. Coetzee's coolness spelled Dokes' downfall. The champion began to lose heart when he realized that he was facing a man who was determined to win the championship.

Dokes gave a final championship-calibre effort in round three, desperately trying to work on Coetzee's cut. He was not successful.

By the fourth round, Coetzee's bleeding was down to seepage. Like a child with a new toy, Coetzee played with his new left hook over and over. And just like that child with his new toy, Coetzee seemed to be enjoying himself.

A totally-confident Coetzee went right to work on Dokes in the fifth. He made arc-like circles with his right, mocking Dokes as if to tell him, "Here it comes." Dokes should have heeded the warning. After landing one right then missing another, Coetzee landed a left hook, followed by a right to the jaw, sending Dokes down for the first time in his career. Although he was up before referee Tony Perez could begin a count, the excitement of a title change could be felt by everyone—including Dokes. From there, matters only worsened for Dokes.

Body shots cut his legs out from under him. By the end of the ninth round, Dokes was gamely trying to land that one punch which would save his title. The bell ending the ninth round was the last round-ending bell Dokes heard as champion.

An exhausted, drained Dokes could barely stand in the 10th. Coetzee knew this and forced Dokes to use his legs. Finally, a right hand found Dokes' jaw. Then another one. In all, 13 rights crashed against Dokes' head. Finally, he fell face forward, his right hand clutching at the middle strand of rope. He went down at the 2:58 mark of round 10, and, with no saving by the bell, was counted out at 3:08.

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DAVID BRAXTON'S 12-ROUND DECISION against James "Hardrock" Green was another incredibly exciting contest, especially because of the fact that the bout was put together on only a few days' notice. From the opening bell, both junior middleweights hammered away relentlessly at one another.

The shorter, stockier, muscular Green continually bulled his way inside, ripping shots off Braxton's rippled midsection. Braxton was, as are all Kronk Gymnasium fighters, in tremendous physical condition. He had to be, in order to have been able to stand up to Green.

Staggered on several occasions, Braxton either fought back or moved away behind a strong jab. From long range, a quick, two-handed arsenal kept strafing Green's face. Both punched hard throughout, and both took hard punches. The thunderous action shook Totowa, New Jersey's "Ice World."

A strong finish in the final three rounds pulled out the split-decision for Braxton. With the victory went the NABF junior middleweight title.

The Braxton-Green fight may have been a last-minute production, but it surely turned into a lasting classic.

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BOXING FANS IN THE MIDEAST SECTOR OF the United States who have PRISM cable know they watched one of the year's best fights after seeing the March 13th bout between Curtis Parker and Tony Braxton.

This one was scheduled for—and lasted—10 rounds. There weren't more than a few momentary clinches in the fight, and they came late in the bout, when both middleweights (Braxton was moving up from junior middleweight poundage) had thrown more punches than most guys would in several bouts combined.

In the seventh round, Parker hit Braxton with a right to the jaw which sent his mouthpiece flying into the crowd. Braxton wobbled, then retreated, but only for a moment. Then, he held his ground and fought back.

Their furious exchange carried over to round eight, when Braxton did his greatest damage. Storming right after Parker, the brother of Dwight Braxton—who was at ringside and five days away from a unification fight against Michael Spinks—shook up Parker with a right. Moments later, a sharp left hook slammed against Parker's jaw. Parker's head was down, and his mouthpiece ricocheted off the canvas. As Braxton showed in the previous round, there are occasions when a hurt fighter is a dangerous fighter. This was one of those occasions. Parker gritted his teeth, planted his feet and let punches fly in bursts. For nearly three minutes they kept at that pace. It was Braxton's last gasp. Parker swarmed over him in the final two rounds. Braxton put up strong resistance, but it was not enough to keep the tireless Parker off him. When it was over, Parker had captured a 10-round decision in what certainly had been one of 1983's top fights.

DARRELL CHAMBERS WAS UNBEATEN WHEN he climbed into the ring in Atlantic City on July 10th to meet hard-hitting Bobby Joe Young. With exception to perhaps Young's camp, most thought Chambers would remain that way.

Young, coming off a TKO loss to Nino LaRocca, needed a victory to stay among the world's rated welterweights. Going into the fifth round, Young found himself behind on all three scorecards. Then, things got even worse for him. He took a tremendous battering in the fifth and sixth rounds, and referee Larry Hazzard looked close to stopping the bout.

In the seventh round, however, Young began to come back. Strong. Powerful body shots made Chambers wince. Although Chambers was in fine condition, a lack of strong opposition had left him unprepared for Young's furious comeback.

At the end of the seventh round, Young, who only five minutes earlier looked to be on his way down and out, sat on his stool as if this was the easiest fight of his career. He showed no signs of exhaustion. Across the ring, Chambers' chest heaved.

"Don't stand with him this round!" Chambers was told by manager Emanuel Steward. "He's gonna come after you. Move! Box! Use your jab! Catch him walking in."

Chambers listened. He moved. He boxed. He used his jab. However, he didn't catch Young coming in, because Young was told by trainer Johnny Persol, "Don't go crazy. Keep your cool. He's gonna expect you to go after him. Outsmart him." The strategy worked. Round eight passed without Chambers being able to land the one big punch which would have put Young away. His failure to do so drained Chambers of his remaining energy and spirits.

In the ninth round, Young resumed putting on heavy pressure. He forced Chambers to move. He forced him to exchange punches. Finally, a solid right hand found Chambers' jaw, dropping him. To everyone's amazement, Chambers somehow arose. However, Young went right after him, emptying both barrels at the spent Kronk fighter. At 2:02 of the ninth round, referee Hazzard jumped between the fighters and signaled an end.

What most experts had figured to be an easy victory for Chambers had turned into a thrilling, come-from-behind victory for Bobby Joe Young and one of the most action-packed bouts of the year.

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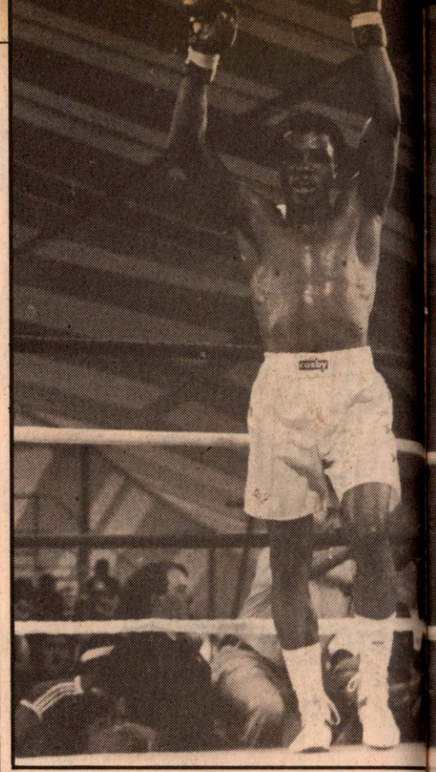
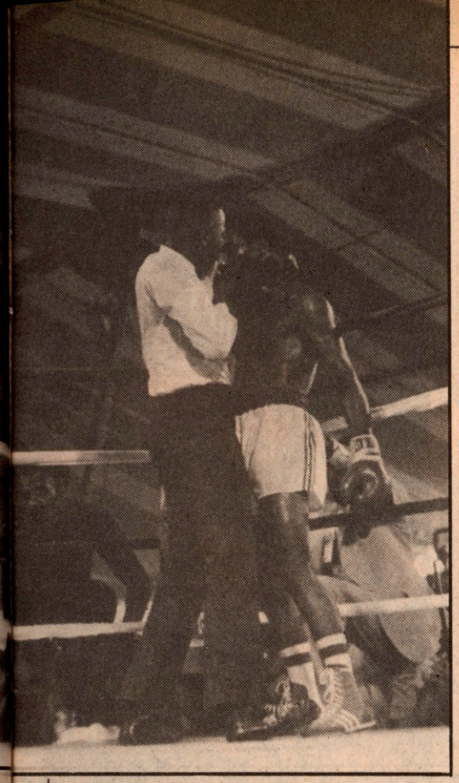
OTHER FIGHTS WORTH MENTIONING, BE they for sustained and furious action or for the suspensful drama they supplied were: Marvelous Marvin Hagler's 15 round decision win over Roberto Duran; featherweight Richard Savage's split-decision over Myron Taylor in a rousing 10-rounder; Nick Furlano's sensational 12-round unanimous decision over Louie Loy on April 13 in Toronto (Furlano was dropped in the first and staggered in the third, only to roar back to victory); Marvis Frazier's 10-round decision against James Broad on April 10; Michael Spinks' career-toughest outing, a 10th-round TKO of Oscar Rivadeneyra; Robin Blake's stoppage of Tony Baltazar in a physically-draining contest for both men; Johnny Bumphus' TKO of Michael Bradley, who had floored Bump in round two; Edwin Rosario's disputed 12-round victory over Jose Luis Ramirez; and John Collins' 10-round slugfest against then-promising Lenny LaPaglia.





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Bobby Joe Young walks away triumphantly as referee Larry Hazzard cradles a beaten Darrell Chambers on July 10. Young had been on the verge of being knocked out himself when he stormed back to kayo Chambers in round nine.

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1945	June 29	Graziano-Cochrane	New York
1946	Sept 27	Zale-Graziano	New York
1947	July 16	Graziano-Zale	Chicago
1948	Sept. 21	Cerdan-Zale	Jersey City
1949	Feb. 11	Pep-Saddler	New York
1950	Sept. 13	LaMotta-Dauthuille	Detroit
1951	July 18	Walcott-Charles	Pittsburgh
1952	Sept. 23	Marciano-Walcott	Philadelphia
1953	Sept. 24	Marciano-LaStarza	New York
1954	Sept. 17	Marciano-Charles	New York
1955	Nov. 30	Basilio-DeMarco	Boston
1956	Sept. 12	Basilio-Saxton	Syracuse
1957	Sept. 23	Basilio-Robinson	New York
1958	Mar. 25	Robinson-Basilio	Chicago
1959	Aug. 28	Fullmer-Basilio	San Francisco
1960	June 20	Patterson-Johansson	New York
1961	Apr. 18	Brown-Charnley	London
1962	Jan. 30	Giardello-Hank	Philadelphia
1963	Mar. 13	Clay-Jones	New York
1964	Feb. 25	Clay-Liston	Miami Beach
1965	Feb. 1	Patterson-Chuvalo	New York
1966	Aug. 15	Torres-Cotton	Las Vegas
1967	Apr. 17	Benvenuti-Griffith	New York
1968	Oct. 25	Tiger-DePaula	New York
1969	June 23	Frazier-Quarry	New York
1970	Nov. 7	Monzon-Benvenuti	Rome, Italy
1971	Mar. 8	Frazier-Ali	New York
1972	Sept. 26	Foster-Finnegan	London
1973	Jan. 22	Foreman-Frazier	Kingston
1974	Oct. 30	Ali-Foreman	Kinshasa
1975	Oct. 1	Ali-Frazier	Manila
1976	Jan. 24	Foreman-Lyle	Las Vegas
1977	Mar. 17	Young-Foreman	San Juan
1978	Feb. 15	Leon Spinks-Ali	Las Vegas
1979	June 17	Danny Lopez-Ayala	San Antonio
1980	July 13	Saad Muhammad-Lopez	McAfee, N.J.
1981	Sept. 16	Leonard-Hearns	Las Vegas
1982	Dec. 11	Chacon-Limon	Sacramento

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ROUND OF THE YEAR

HOLMES VS. WITHERSPOON, ROUND 9
MAY 20, THE DUNES, LAS VEGAS

The young challenger was but one punch away from victory. But Holmes fought back like a champion.

BY BEN SHARAV

BIG MEN AND BIG PUNCHERS STOOD OUT prominently in the competition for 1983's "Round of the year." The three-minute stretch which **The Ring's** editors deemed tops for 1983 (Larry Holmes vs. Tim Witherspoon, round 9) saw the World Heavyweight Championship hover just one well-placed punch away from a sudden takeover by an inexperienced, but hard-hitting young challenger. The runner-up stanza (Gerrie Coetzee-Michael Dokes, round 10) saw the big punch land on the jaw of a playboy titleholder and the WBA heavyweight crown make a dramatic change of address.

Larry Holmes, the "Fighter of the Year" in 1982, was an overwhelming favorite when he defended his World Heavyweight Title against Tim Witherspoon in the arena put up in the parking lot of the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas. And the champion used his left jab to pile up a big early lead. But the jab, while landing, was not doing serious damage. "The snap wasn't there," Holmes' former trainer, Rich Giachetti, said of Larry's famed jab. "It used to be that Larry would take away the other guy's fight, but the snap wasn't there this time."

Witherspoon worked on pummelling Larry's left side with hard right hand blows.

Witherspoon attacked Holmes' head for the first time in round seven and rocked the champion with a good combination. But Holmes continued to find his spots on the crab-like Witherspoon and never seemed to lose control.

All of that changed in round nine, the "Round of the Year." The round will long be remembered for the ripping left hooks Tim caught the napping Holmes with and for the crunching right crosses that the challenger followed up with as Holmes' attempt to hang on seemed doomed. But it will also be remembered for the dramatic turnaround that the gutty champion engineered, forcing the action back to the middle of the ring as he was compelled to slug it out to remain afloat.

Holmes wanted to use the ninth round as a breather. He figured he'd borrow Muhammad Ali's rope-a-dope and lay back on the ropes while Witherspoon would punch himself out. The champion was satisfied that the dangerous plan was working and as he spun off the ropes he looked over to his corner and trainer Eddie Futch, to show that all was well.

But Witherspoon had other ideas. While Holmes was looking out of the ring, Tim ripped across two left hooks to Larry's head.

Holmes staggered out of the corner but Witherspoon was on top of him with right crosses. Holmes retreated to a corner, with Witherspoon chasing. Tim landed with a left hook and the 33-year-old champion seemed ready to fall. But he stayed up, even as Witherspoon connected with a dozen more punches.

Just as it seemed that the fight ought to be stopped, the dazed champion found the mark with two hard left hooks of his own.

"He was really hurt, but he fought it off. You have to say Holmes had guts," referee Mills Lane said of the champion later.

Holmes chased Witherspoon to the middle of the ring and began nailing the challenger with a succession of right hands. Witherspoon grabbed at Holmes and the two locked left arms. But as they broke it was Holmes who was firing right hands. He connected with three of them before the bell ended the round.

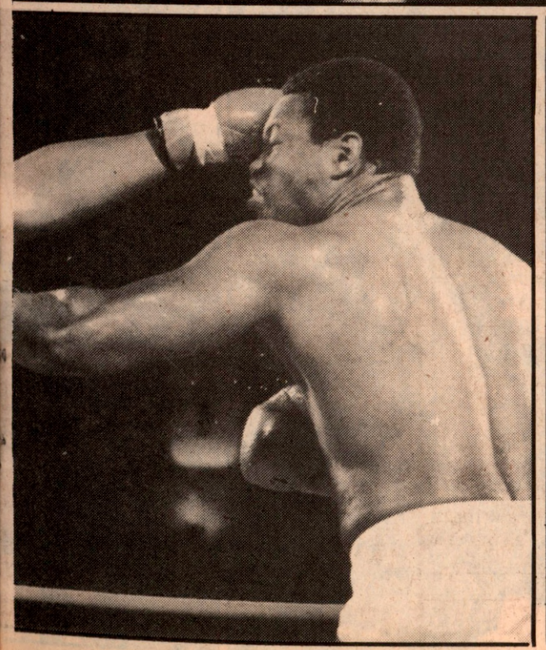
"He knew all the tricks," Witherspoon said later of the champion. "He tied me up and I couldn't get to him."

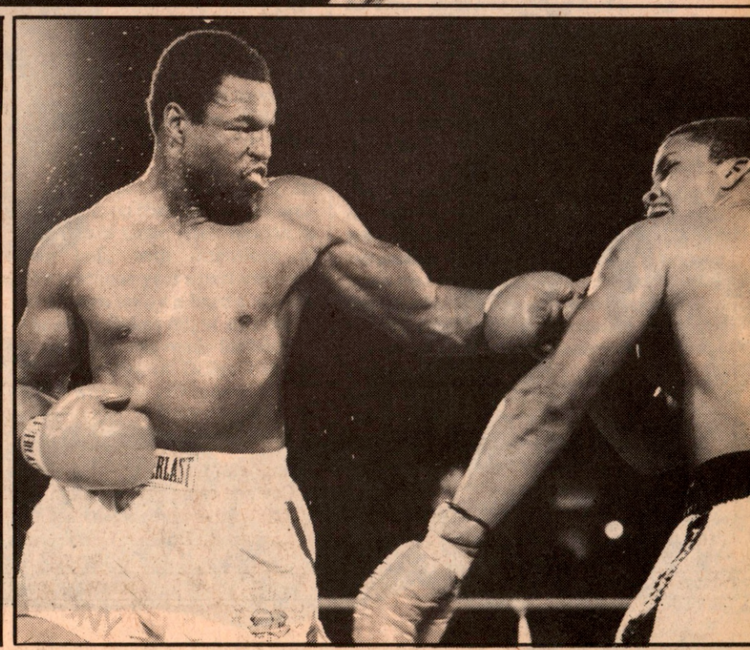
The brutal round tired out both fighters. Witherspoon never attacked with abandon in the remaining three rounds and Holmes kept his title by a split decision.

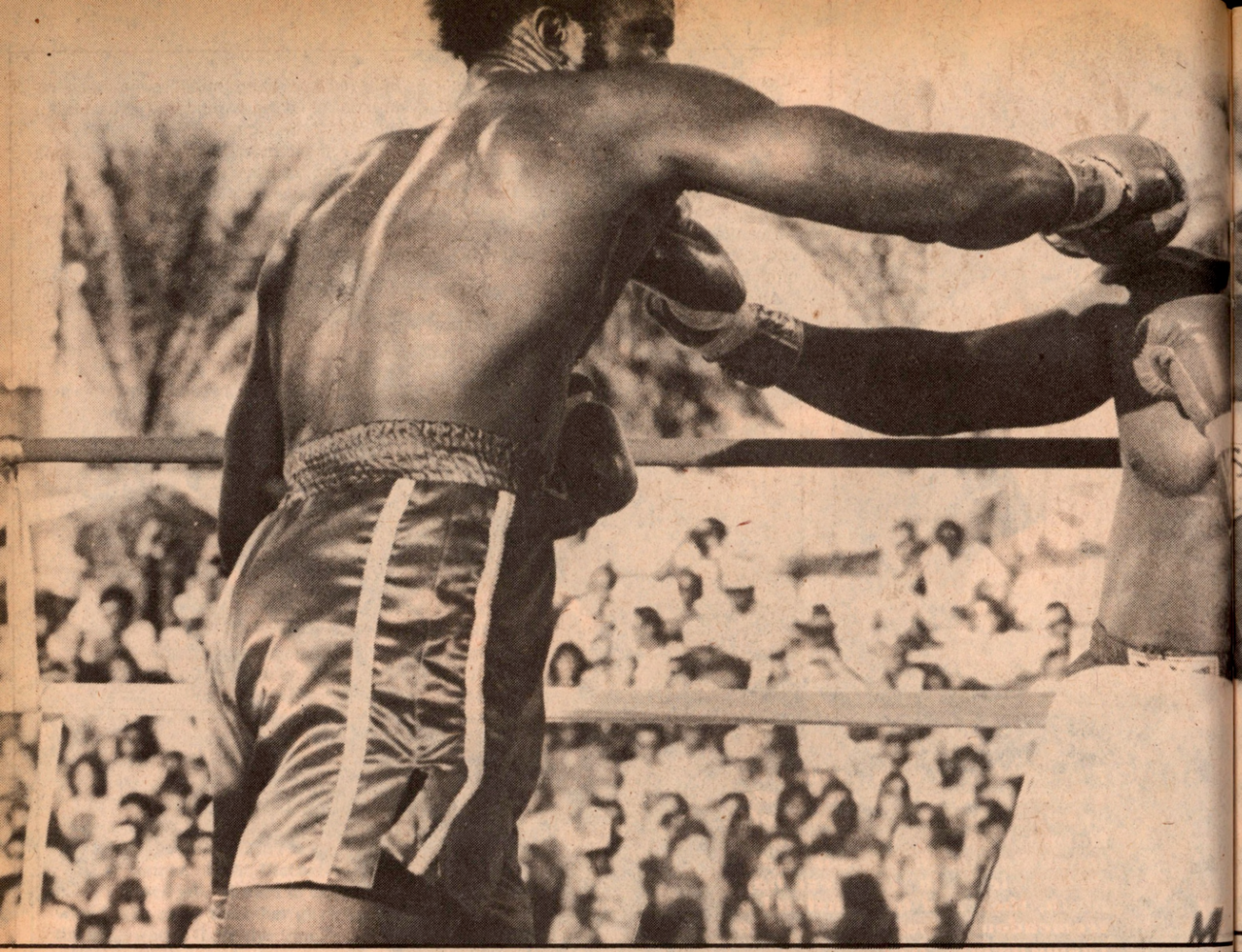
GERRIE COETZEE, A 4½-1 UNDERDOG, knocked out defending WBA heavyweight champion Michael Dokes with a hammer-like right hand in the runner-up for "Round of the Year," round 10 of their one-sided, Richfield, Ohio bout. Coetzee battered Dokes throughout, setting up the surprisingly vapid home-state titleholder with a new-and-improved left jab and hook. But in the 10th round, with Dokes already desperate, Coetzee went to his money punch, the big right to the jaw, to finish the job cleanly.

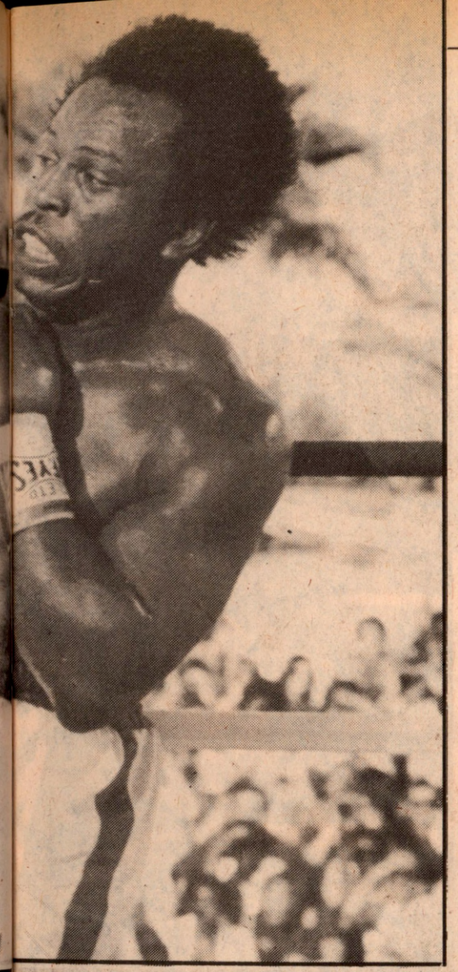
The fighters opened the 10th round hitting with both hands, but late in the round Coetzee came across with a hard overhand right and another right hand to the jaw that staggered Dokes. Gerrie was all over

The solid left hook landed by Tim Witherspoon in this photo nearly knocked the crown off Holmes' head. Witherspoon found Holmes' head repeatedly (below, left) in that exciting ninth, then had to withstand a tremendous comeback by the champ (below, right).









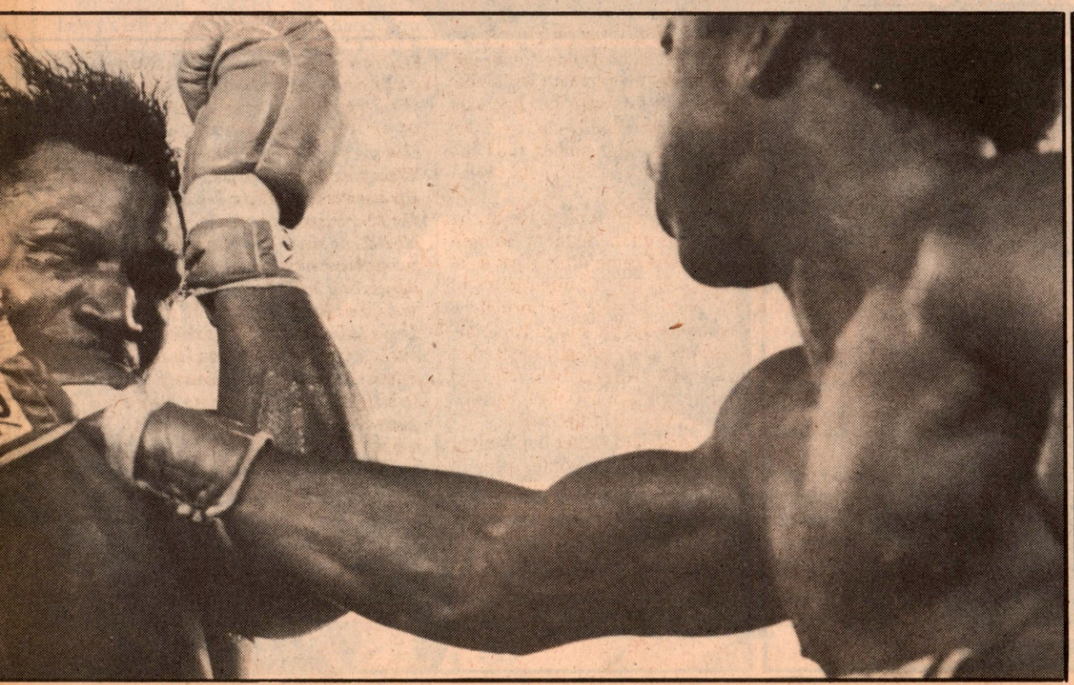
Michael now and Dokes, pinned in his corner, grabbed Coetzee and tried to hold on.

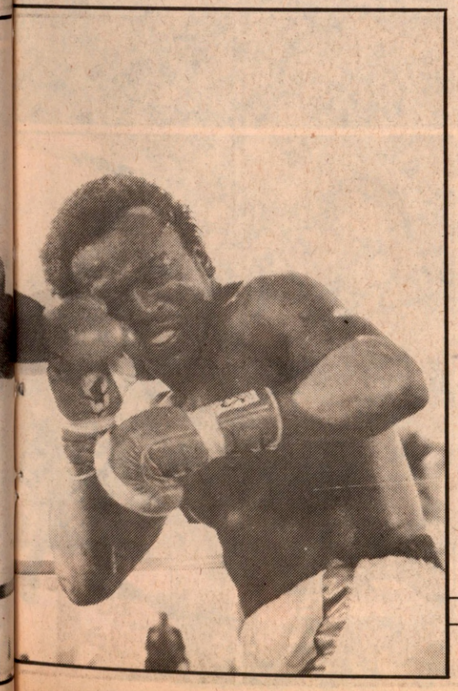
Referee Tony Perez stepped in and forced a break. But Dokes' reprieve was short-lived. Gerrie banged a hard right hand on the side of the head of the groggy Dokes and Michael's hands started to drop. The South African landed another right to Dokes' jaw and a sharp pain surged through Coetzee's often-broken right hand.

Afterward, Coetzee and his trainers, Jackie McCoy and Willie Lock, said they believed the hand might have been re-broken, or at least, rendered unusable for the rest of the night.

But it made no difference. Dokes, having caught the full force of the blow in his head, toppled sideways as if he'd been hit by an ax. He grabbed instinctively for the ropes after he crashed but there was no way he would arise.

The bell sounded, but the count continued. At 3:08 of the round Perez finished counting Dokes out.





THIRD CHOICE FOR "ROUND OF THE YEAR" is round one of Michael Dokes' only successful title defense, his rematch with Mike Weaver. Dokes won the WBA heavyweight title from Weaver on a highly-controversial first-round knockout in December, 1982 and to dispel accusations of "fix," the WBA ordered the rematch.

In the rematch, which took place at the Dunes in Las Vegas on the night of Holmes-Witherspoon, Dokes came after Weaver at the opening bell, with intentions of repeating the previous year's performance. Weaver was shaken up by a hard combination and it seemed Dokes might succeed in his mission. But Mike was ready for Michael this time and he withstood Dokes' barrage and responded with one of his own.

The round belonged to Dokes but Weaver gave a warning of things to come. After 14 more rounds were completed, many believed Weaver had regained his belt. But the judges ruled draw by majority decision and Dokes left with his title still intact.

In the first meeting between Dokes and Weaver, Dokes—and referee Joey Curtis—never gave Weaver a chance. The fight was over in 63 seconds. Last May 20, they went at it again. This time, Weaver was properly warmed up and ready for Dokes' all-out first-round assault. The two met head on and began swapping punches at the sound of the opening bell (above left). Weaver was rocked by a stiff right to the face (above), but came back swinging. The remaining 14 rounds saw both heavyweights taking turns landing hard punches (far left and left). Yet, no matter how hard both tried, neither could match the fury both had generated in the opening round of their rematch, held in the searing heat of a late Las Vegas afternoon.

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COMEBACK OF THE YEAR

ROBERTO DURAN

In 1982 he lost 2 out of 3 fights; in '83 he won 2 out of 3. Those numbers don't begin to tell the story.

BY BEN SHARAV

SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE IS NOT SUFFICIENT to get you "Comeback of the Year" honors. Not by a long shot! If this is the award you're after, you've got to be prepared to go that extra mile. You must attain a lofty status, sink into an abyss of submediocrity and rise to a level of excellence, in that chronological order. Baseball great Pete Rose knows that. After a horrendous 1983 season, the now-free agent who is pedalling his services around the Major Leagues snapped, "Big deal. I've won every goddam award there is in this league except for 'Comeback of the Year' and next year I'll win that!" Of course, that remains to be seen.

Turning from baseball to boxing, *The Ring's* "Comeback of the Year" award for 1983 goes hands-down to Roberto Duran, the WBA junior middleweight champion, who matched and fulfilled the above-stated criteria to a T. The distant runner-up is WBC cruiserweight titlist Carlos DeLeon.

Duran's comeback was remarkable because it came not after just one or two bad performances, but after a veritable two-year sleepwalk during which he metamorphosed from the most feared fighter in the world to the most ridiculed. The famed "Stone Hands," who held the World Lightweight Championship from June, 1972 until his voluntary relinquishment of it in February, 1979, and won the World Welterweight Title from Sugar Ray Leonard in June, 1980, began his narcoleptic descent that November when he gave that title back to Leonard by dropping his hands and uttering "No mas" in the eighth round.

Duran huffed and puffed his way to wins over Nino Gonzalez and Luigi Minchillo in 1981. Then, in January, 1982, Duran challenged Wilfred Benitez for the WBC junior middleweight title and lost by a virtual shutout. He returned to the ring that September and lost to Kirkland Laing in what seemed to be his swan song. He was 2-3 in his last five fights.

Promoter Don King berated Duran in the figher's dressing room immediately after he lost to Laing. King told Duran he would never promote him again. Duran's long time manager, Carlos Eleta, who had known him since Roberto was a boy, told Duran to quit. Duran's training advisors, Ray Arcel and Freddie Brown were no longer with him, having left after the "No mas" fight. His countrymen, the Panamanians, who had once held him as their hero, had abandoned Duran, too.

With a new manager, Luis Spada, and a new promoter, Bob Arum, Duran ended 1982 with a lackluster win over Jimmy Batten in the walk-out bout on the Aaron Pryor-Alexis Arguello card in Miami. The short news accounts that were buried at the end of the Pryor-Arguello stories in the next days papers said that the 31-year-old Duran looked old, fat, ridiculous and pathetic. And Bob Arum, who insisted he would sign more matches for Duran, looked to be squeezing the last few bucks out of Duran's once-great name.

But Arum and his matchmaker Teddy Brenner were sure that if Roberto would only re-dedicate himself to training, he would rise to the top again. They signed a match for Duran against Pipino Cuevas, the former WBA welterweight champion for the Los Angeles Sports Arena on January 29, the night before the Super Bowl. A title shot against WBA junior middleweight champion Davey Moore was promised for the winner. It was a strong inducement for both men, not that Duran and Cuevas needed anything extra to get them going. A few years ago Duran vs. Cuevas would have been a multimillion dollar attraction, but now it was looked upon by many as a fight between two has-beens.

But Duran and Cuevas appoached the bout with a seriousness that neither had shown in years and they attracted a capacity crowd of 16,824 wildly screaming fans to the Arena. The fighters attacked each other furiously from the opening bell, bringing back memories of the old Cuevas and the old Duran. Pipino began ripping left hooks to Duran's midsection, but the weeks of heavy training paid off for Roberto as he shook off the blows and stepped up his attack. Duran landed a hard right to Cuevas' jaw and the two kept right on punching after the bell.

Duran assumed control in the third round

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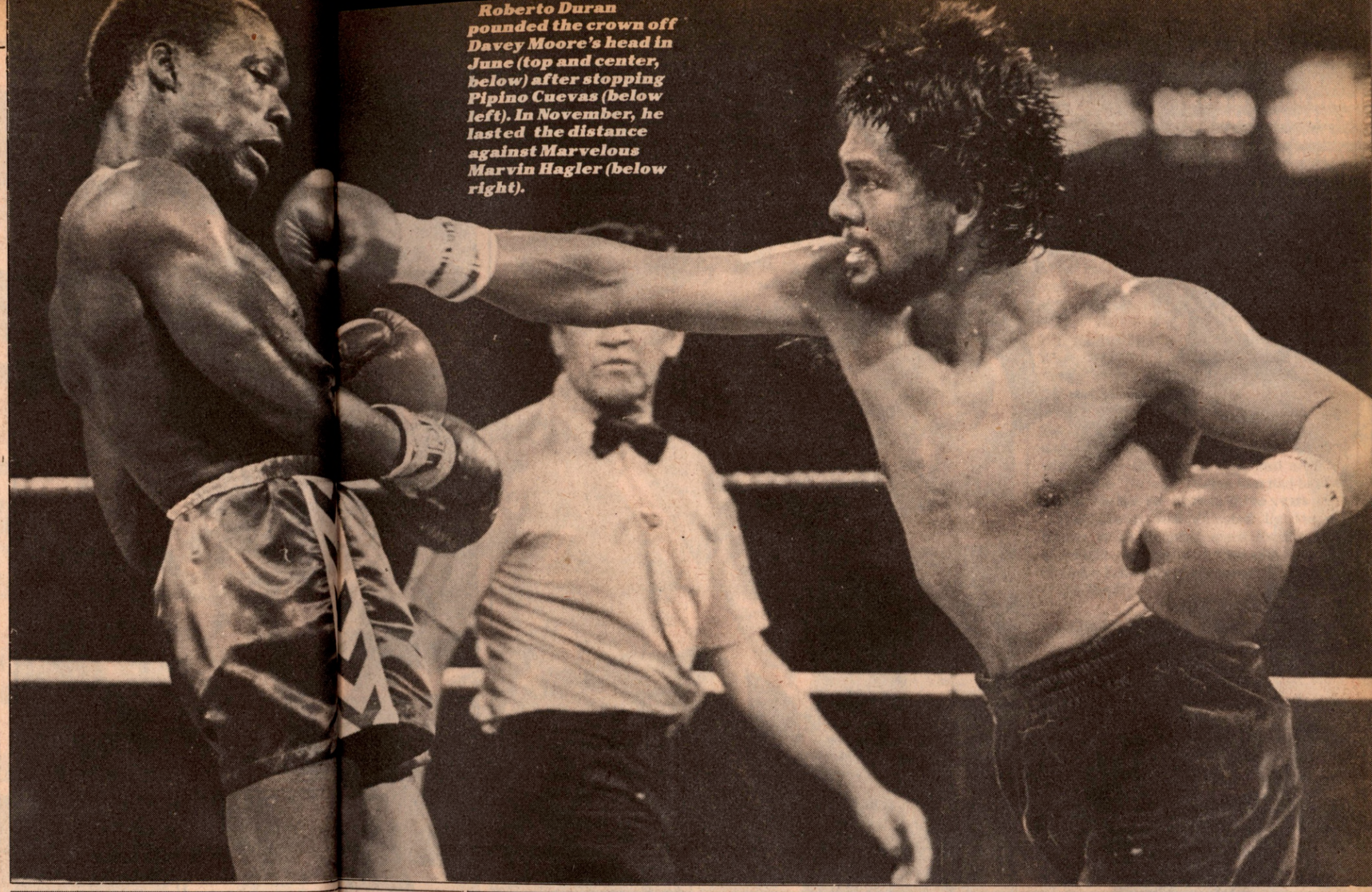
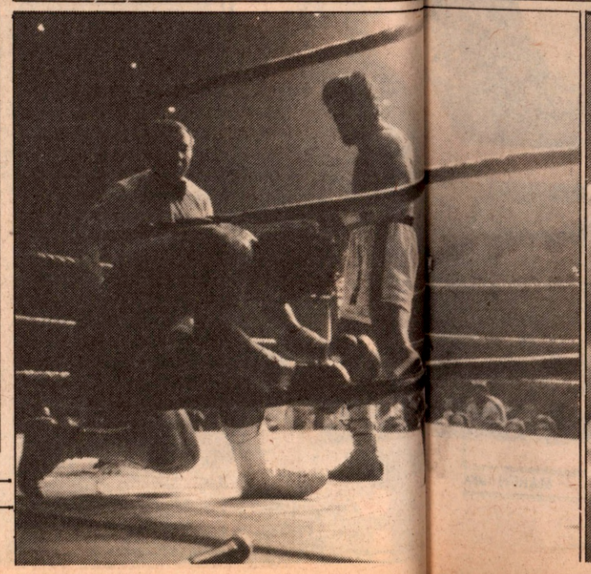
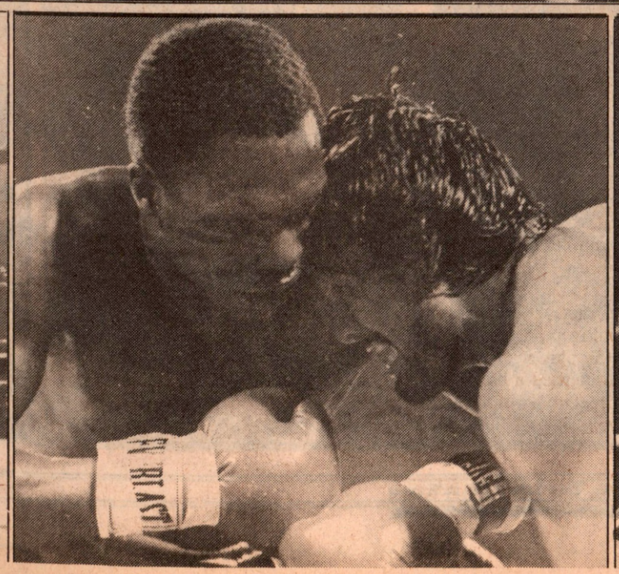


Roberto Duran pounded the crown off Davey Moore's head in June (top and center, below) after stopping Pipino Cuevas (below left). In November, he lasted the distance against Marvelous Marvin Hagler (below right).





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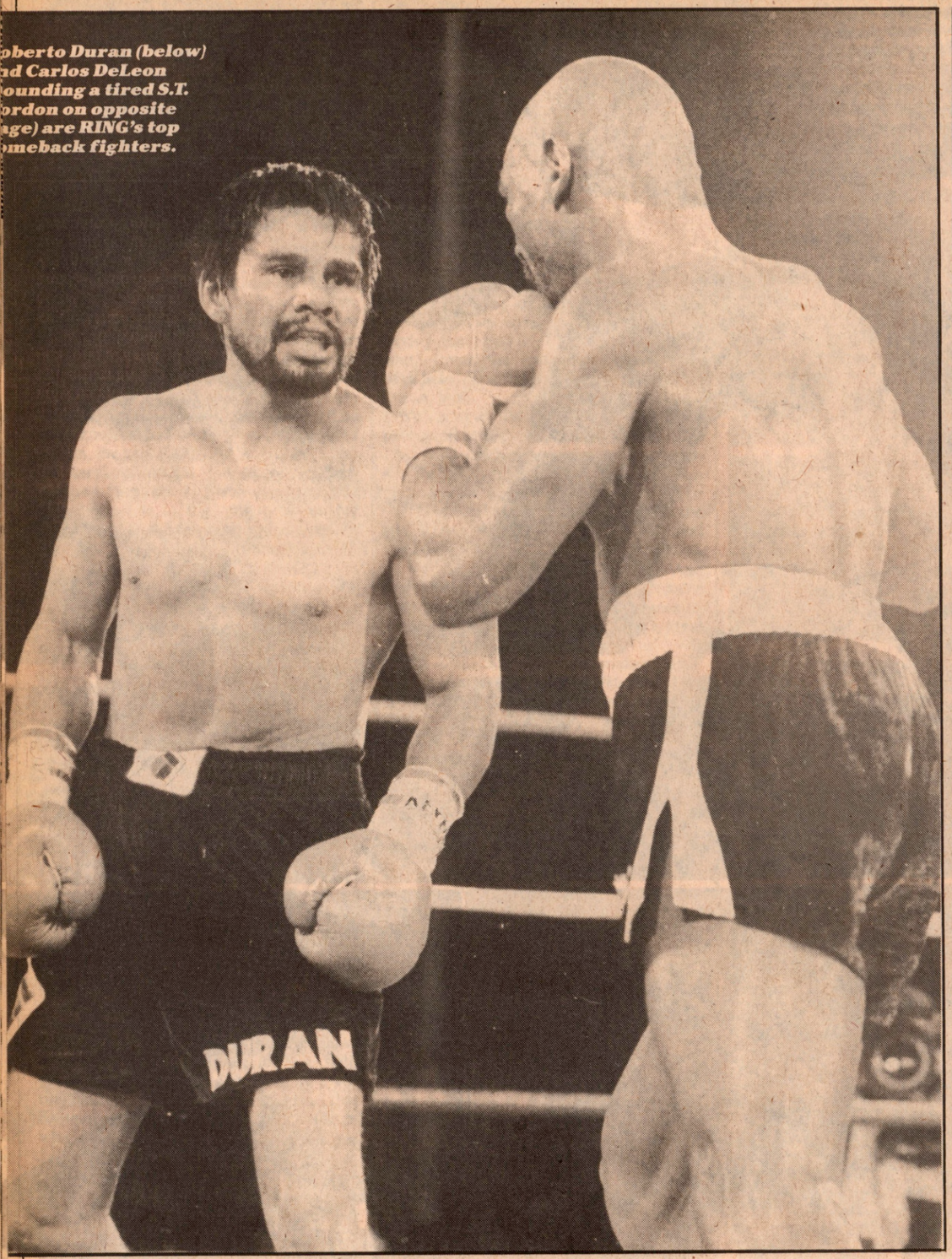

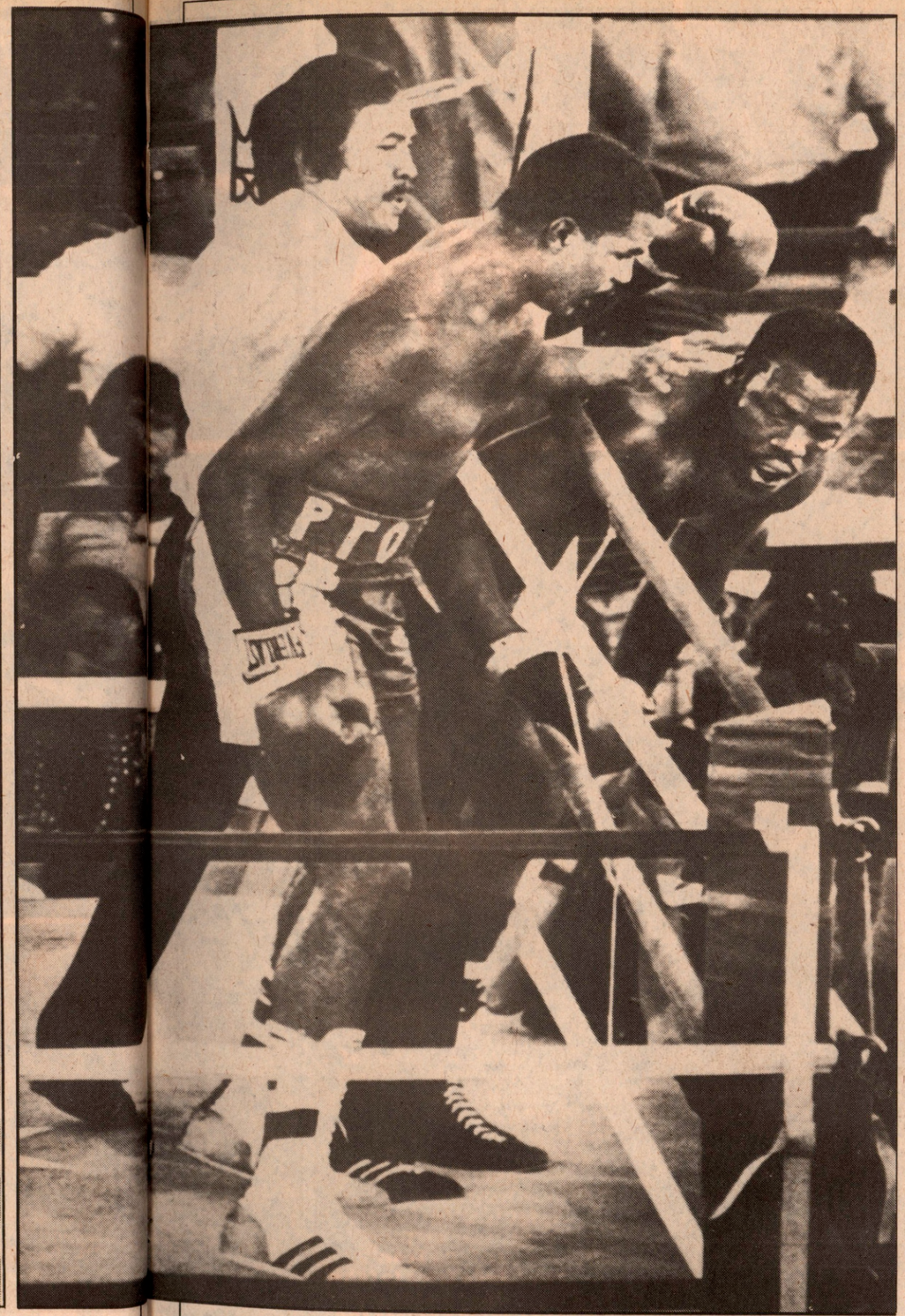

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and then just about finished things with a brutal right to the jaw early in round four. Cuevas fell back into the turnbuckle in a neutral corner and the referee pulled Duran back and began to count. When Duran was allowed to resume the attack, he finished Cuevas off at once with a powerful combination.

"Was Duran really that good, or was Cuevas just that bad?" asked Davey Moore after he watched the fight on closed circuit TV at Bally's Casino in Atlantic City. Moore was to find out six months later when he defended his title against Duran in New York.

The majority opinion was that the 24-year-old WBA champion would be too strong for the worn-out Duran to handle. But a capacity crowd of 20,061—most of them Duran believers—jammed Madison Square Garden to see Duran batter Moore into submission in eight one-sided rounds, winning his third world title and erasing, finally, the "No mas" stigma that had been a part of his life for close to three years.

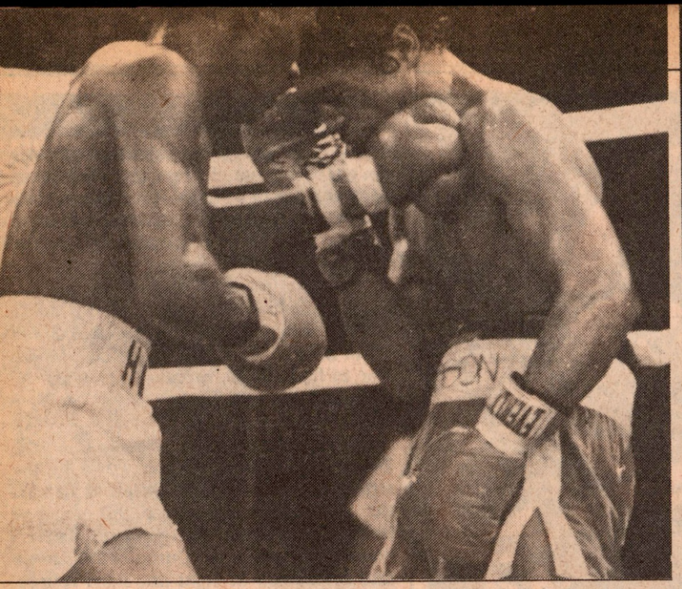
That Duran was defeated by Marvin Hagler in his longshot quest for the middleweight title his next time out does not diminish Roberto's phenomenal "Comeback of the Year."

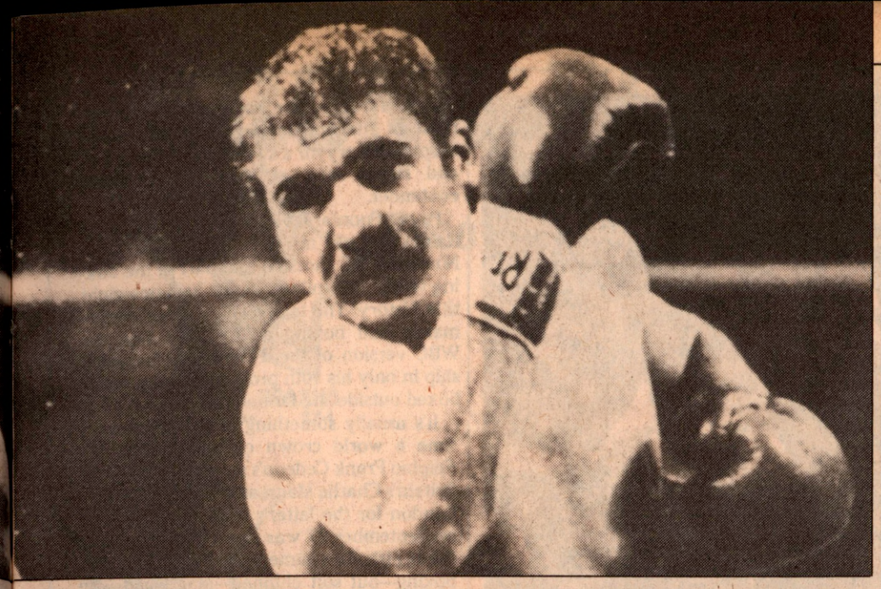
CARLOS "SUGAR" DELEON WAS A DISTANT runner-up for "Comeback of the Year." Carlos got himself into position for a run at the award by losing his WBC cruiserweight title to S.T. Gordon in June, 1982. He did that quite dramatically, allowing Gordon to pound him like a punching bag in the second round until referee Carlos Padilla was forced to rescue him from the assault by stopping the fight.

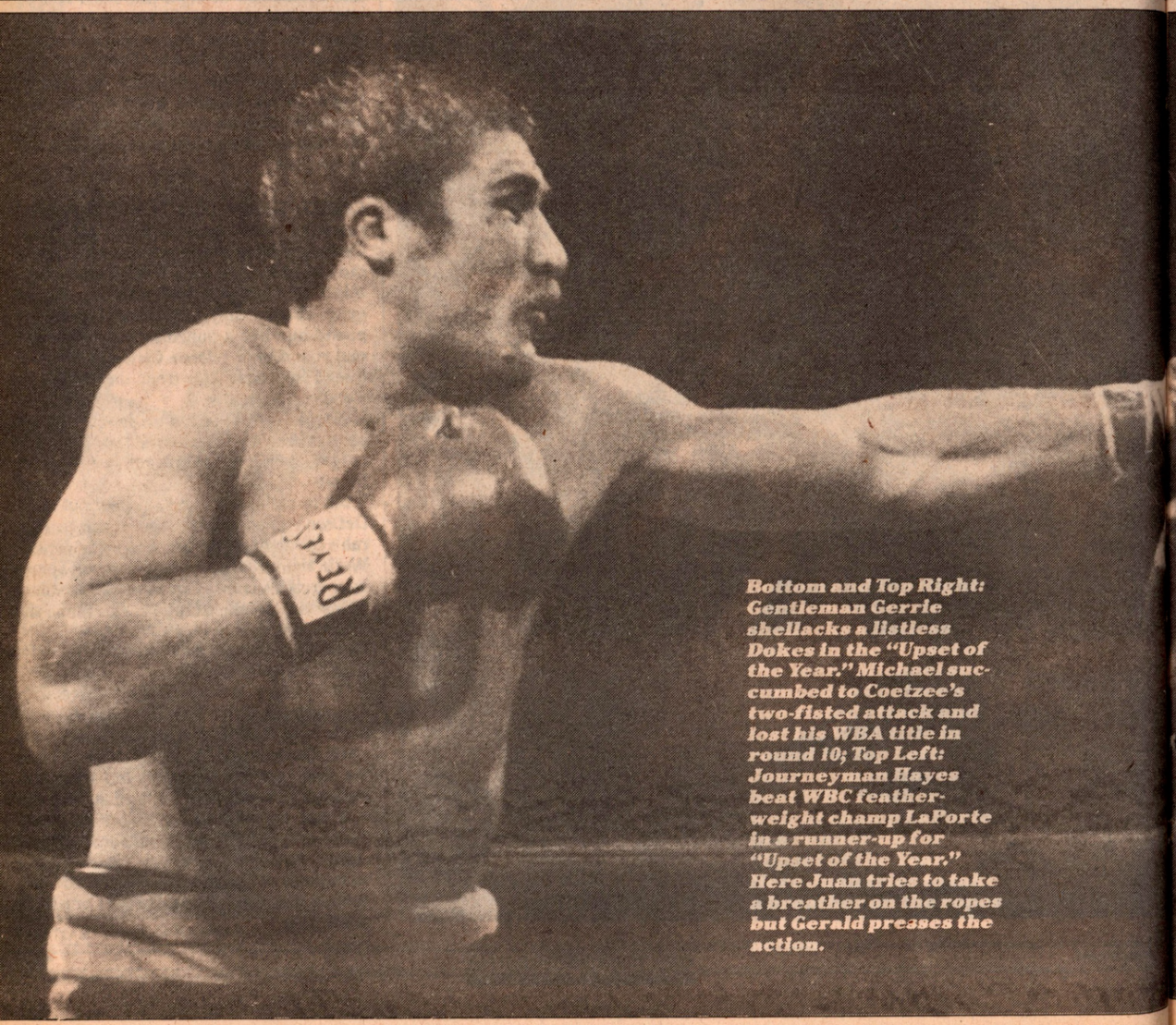
It took Carlos five more months to get back in the ring, but he closed out 1982 winning a decision against the used-up Ivy Brown.

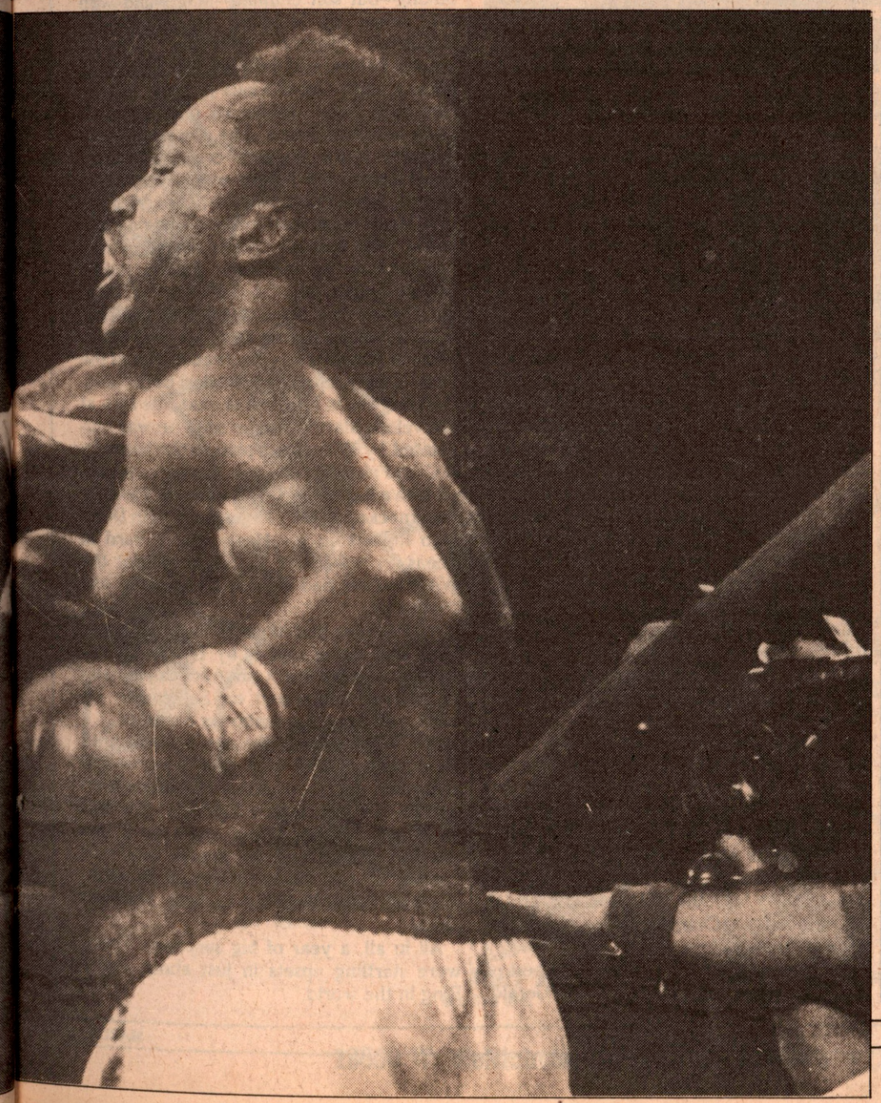
But lo and behold, 1983 turned out to be DeLeon's year. In March he came to Harrah's casino in Atlantic City to battle former World Heavyweight Champion Leon Spinks in a cruiserweight eliminator. In a beautifully executed counterpunching attack, the 23-year-old Puerto Rican succeeded in battering Spinks' face, causing the fight to be stopped after round six.

The victory brought DeLeon back to a July rematch with S.T. Gordon. The ensuing battle bore no resemblance at all to the first affair. Carlos dropped S.T. with a left hook in the first round and dominated the slow-footed S.T. through the whole fight. Gordon was just hanging on in round 12, when Carlos dropped him again with an overhand right. DeLeon won by a runaway unanimous decision, regaining his title and gaining the runner-up spot for "Comeback of the Year."









Bottom and Top Right: Gentleman Gerrie shellacks a listless Dokes in the "Upset of the Year." Michael succumbed to Coetzee's two-fisted attack and lost his WBA title in round 10; Top Left: Journeyman Hayes beat WBC featherweight champ LaPorte in a runner-up for "Upset of the Year." Here Juan tries to take a breather on the ropes but Gerald presses the action.

UPSET OF THE YEAR

GERRIE COETZEE KO10 MICHAEL DOKES

Gerrie Coetzee had failed twice before in bids to win the WBA heavyweight title. Facing a possible strike three in Richfield, the 4½-1 underdog South African bore down and nailed the final pitch.

BY HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

THERE WERE GREATER UPSETS OF THE odds than Gerrie Coetzee's knockout of Michael Dokes in 1983, but no fight came close to it in terms of the great changes that it wraught in the heavyweight division —and, as a result, in boxing itself.

The odds were officially no higher than 5-1 in favor of Dokes to retain his WBA heavyweight title—the title he had won with a controversial TKO over Mike Weaver in December, 1982—but Coetzee himself, a reserved, almost pessimistic fighter, said he had only a "30% chance" of beating Michael. Richard Dunn thought he had more than that the time he fought Ali.

Michael Dokes, in fact, had less than a 30% chance of beating Coetzee after the ninth round. Dokes appeared listless, almost lifeless, through the entire contest—especially after Gerrie stunned him with a left in the first round.

That left hand simply wasn't in the script. Coetzee, whose right-handed punching power, coupled with a series of operations on that mauler, had earned him the sobriquet of the "bionic man," was not supposed to have a left to speak of. The difference in this fight was Jackie McCoy, the experienced and well known California trainer who introduced the Afrikaneer to his left and made him a more-than-formidable-fighter.

A Dokes left hook in round two opened a cut over Coetzee's right eye. It was Dokes' finest moment, and round, in the fight. He was just too timid to press his advantage.

Gerrie was the better man from the fifth session—when he knocked down Michael with a left lead followed by a short right to the head—through the 10th. A right to the head in the last named frame hurt Dokes.

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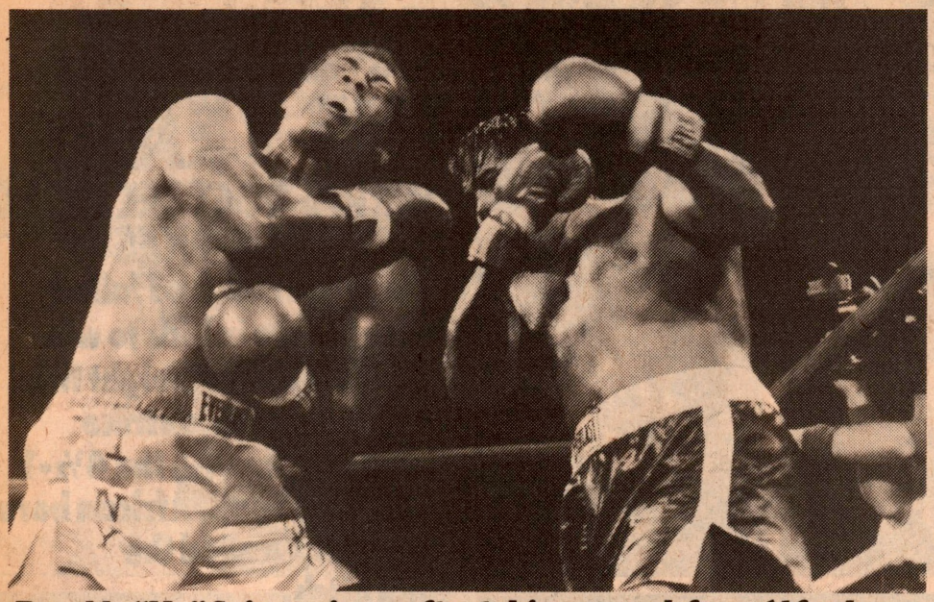

Renaldo "Mr." Snipes winces after taking a punch from Alfredo Evangelista, who had been written off as a serious contender in 1981. Evangelista "wrote" his way back in, decisioning Snipes in 10.

He backed to the ropes, and a fusillade of awkward but effective punches put him down, face first, for the full count. The bell rang at "two," but the count continued until 3:08 of the round—when referee Tony Perez signalled "10" and Gerrie Coetzee became the new WBA heavyweight champion of the world.

Coetzee had fought only once—a 10-round draw with Pinklon Thomas—in the 12 months prior to this bout with Dokes. His title-winning effort, promoted by Don King in the Richfield (Ohio) Coliseum on September 23rd, marked Don's first association with Coetzee and his people, including Gerrie's own advisor-manager, Cedric Kushner.

King has said he will not promote in South Africa, but he now states he is not averse to selling Kushner—or anybody else—the right to promote Gerrie Coetzee's first defense anywhere in the world.

This, of course, sets up the not-yet signed-and-sealed Holmes-Coetzee *world* (screw the WBC) heavyweight title bout. Larry has already stated he's "retired" until the necessary money ($100,000,000 is his asking price) is raised.

The World Boxing Council has now nominated number one contender Greg Page to face North American champion "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon for its "vacant" share of the world title. Whomever first said boxing was like chess may have been thinking of its politics.

The year's most *startling* upset was probably former European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista's points victory over Renaldo Snipes on the Coetzee-Dokes undercard. The loss—occasioned more by Snipes' clowning than by anything done by Evangelista—dropped Renaldo from *The Ring's* top 10 and ended, however temporarily, his days as a contender.

Boxing purists marveled at the startling boxing mastery Tyrone Crawley exhibited in winning a convincing verdict over the hard hitting Robin Blake in Levelland, Texas on October 8. In-and-out, around-and-about moved the elusive Philly lightweight, and Blake, who had bombed out the likes of Tony Baltazar and Melvin Paul, was helpless, utterly confused.

The upset unanimous decision turned Crawley from little more than a journeyman into one of the lightweight division's highest ranked contenders. It also put the brakes on Blake's immediate plans for a world title.

Two world's champs lost in over-the-weight contests. Oscar (The Boxer) Muniz handed bantamweight king Jeff Chandler his only career loss via a split duke at the Sands Hotel in Atlantic City on July 23, and former New Jersey State featherweight champion Gerald Hayes outpointed WBC title holder Juan LaPorte at the same location on November 5.

Chandler's showboat tactics may have cost him victory in his bout with Muniz; the decision was a controversial one at best, and Jeff revenged himself by stopping Muniz on a cut eye in a titular rematch. But Muniz's game effort gave him recognition that had eluded him for years. He was unranked by both the WBC and WBA prior to outpointing Chandler; *Ring* had him ranked number three.

LaPorte may not have been in the best of condition when he lost to Hayes, but Gerald, who had trained like a madman, made the most of his opportunity. A ninth round desperation try for a kayo by LaPorte failed, and Hayes was, at long last, a world contender.

Payao Poontarat's split decision win over Rafael Orono in Battaya, Thailand on November 27 shocked that part of the boxing world that follows junior bantamweight title history. The lanky Thai's game performance and boxing ability gave him the WBC version of the 115-pound championship in only his 10th pro fight; he has never boxed outside the Orient.

It's usually something of an upset every time a world crown changes hands, but Filipino Frank Cedeno's six-round TKO over Britain's Charlie Magri at Wembley Arena in London for the latter's WBC flyweight title on September 27 was almot catastrophic to the British. The game, hard hitting and slick boxing—but soft chinned—Magri had won the crown by stopping the Dominican Republic's Eleoncio Mercedes just six months before, and Britain's king of boxing, Mickey Duff, was anxious to have Charlie face only "safe" opponents until an especially lucrative match—like one with fellow Britisher Keith Wallace—could be made. The Filipino club fighter was, accordingly, imported, but Frank surprised by taking the best Magri could dish out and slugging toe-to-toe with him till Charlie wilted. Three knockdowns in the sixth forced Italian referee Angelo Poletti to halt matters, making Cedeno the seventh man to hold the WBC flyweight throne since May 12, 1981.

Frank Fletcher was involved in two of the year's biggest upsets, and he lost both times. Fletcher was in line for the next title shot at Marvelous Marvin Hagler until he was outpointed by Wilford Scypion at the Sands in A.C. on February 13. Then, having rebounded with a kayo over Curtis Ramsey, Fletcher was knocked cold by Argentina's Juan Domingo Roldan on the Hagler-Duran card in Vegas on November 10. Score one for the WBA, which had Roldan as number one contender.

Alex Ramos had likewise fought his way back after being kayoed by Ted Sanders in 1982. But he ran into a game Scotsman named Murray Sutherland on September 13, 1983, and lost via unanimous decision.

Eric Winbush was just another pug until he stopped former WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad in Atlantic City on March 23, 1983. Eric still hasn't left the club fighter stage, but it was still one of the year's big upsets. Saad was coming off two losses to Dwight Braxton, but had been expected to beat Winbush easily.

All in all, a year of big surprises. There were startling upsets in just about every Ring in the world.

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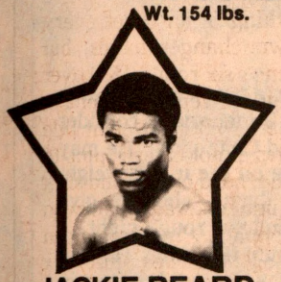

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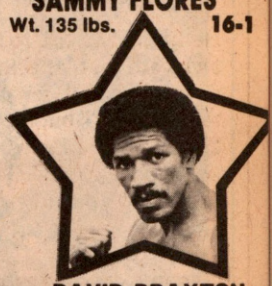

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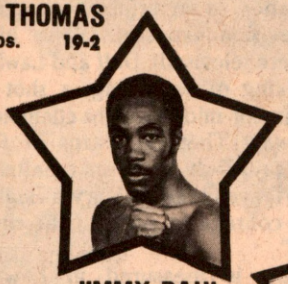

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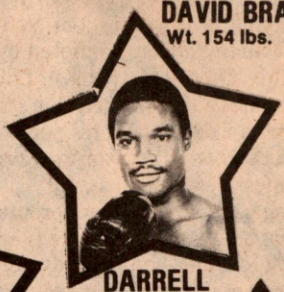

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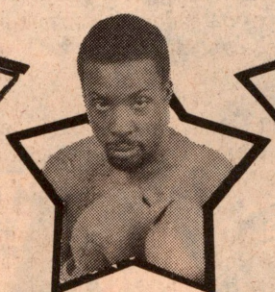

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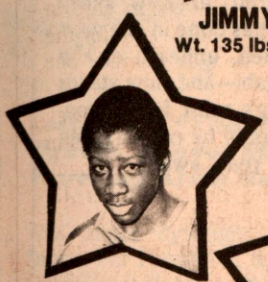

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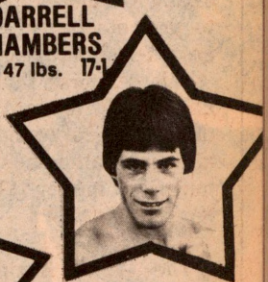

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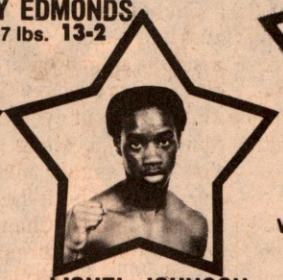

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MOST PROGRESS OF THE YEAR

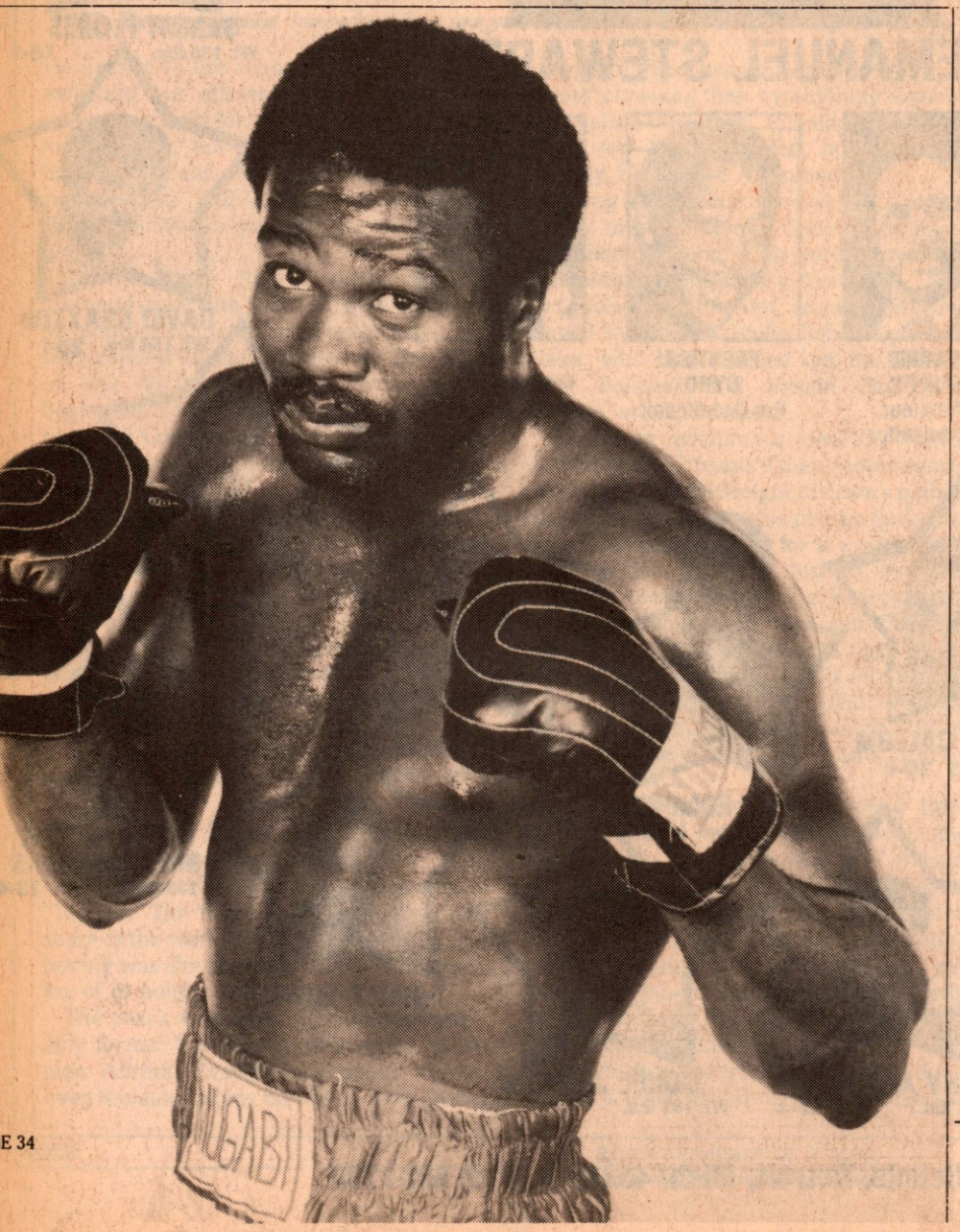
JOHN "THE BEAST" MUGABI

The German-based Ugandan junior middleweight knocked out Curtis Parker in just one round in November and is a good bet to win a world title in the next two years.

BY RANDY GORDON

LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, JOHN "THE BEAST" Mugabi was unrated and unheard of. Today, he is one of the most feared, most respected and most highly-regarded junior middleweights in the world. His outstanding development over the last 12 months earns him THE RING's "Progress of the Year" award for 1983.

Others given consideration for the award are: WBC junior flyweight king Jung-Koo Chang of Korea; Unbeaten welterweight contender Nino LaRocca of Italy; Lightweight contender Alvin "Too Sweet" Hayes of Detroit; Britain's tough middleweight Mark Kaylor; and newly-crowned WBC super flyweight champion Payao Poontarat.



Mugabi is more than a powerful, unbeaten junior middleweight, a man many consider to be the "Uncrowned Champion." He may also be the only force on the middleweight horizon capable of being able to give Marvelous Marvin Hagler a rough night.

In 1983, Mugabi fought five times. He won them all the only way he knows how to win fights—by knockout. By crushing knockout! Three of those five victims fell inside the first round. In his most recent effort, "The Beast" stopped middleweight contender Curtis Parker in the opening round. Parker had never been stopped before. Mugabi made it look all too easy.

One year ago, British promoter Mickey Duff and trainer Terry Lawless talked of beginning Mugabi's move up in the ratings. Today, after some brilliant matchmaking and television exposure (all of his 1983 fights were televised), Duff and Lawless are now talking of one thing: a shot at the world's junior middleweight championship.

"We want Thomas Hearns or Roberto Duran," says Duff. "It doesn't matter which one. We'll even take on Marvin Hagler if he has the courage to get into the ring with Mugabi."

Progress is measured in how much development a fighter has done in one year. If he had been unrated, unheard of and untested—as was Mugabi—and now stands out as perhaps boxing's most feared contender, there is little doubt he can be given RING's "Progress of the Year" award.

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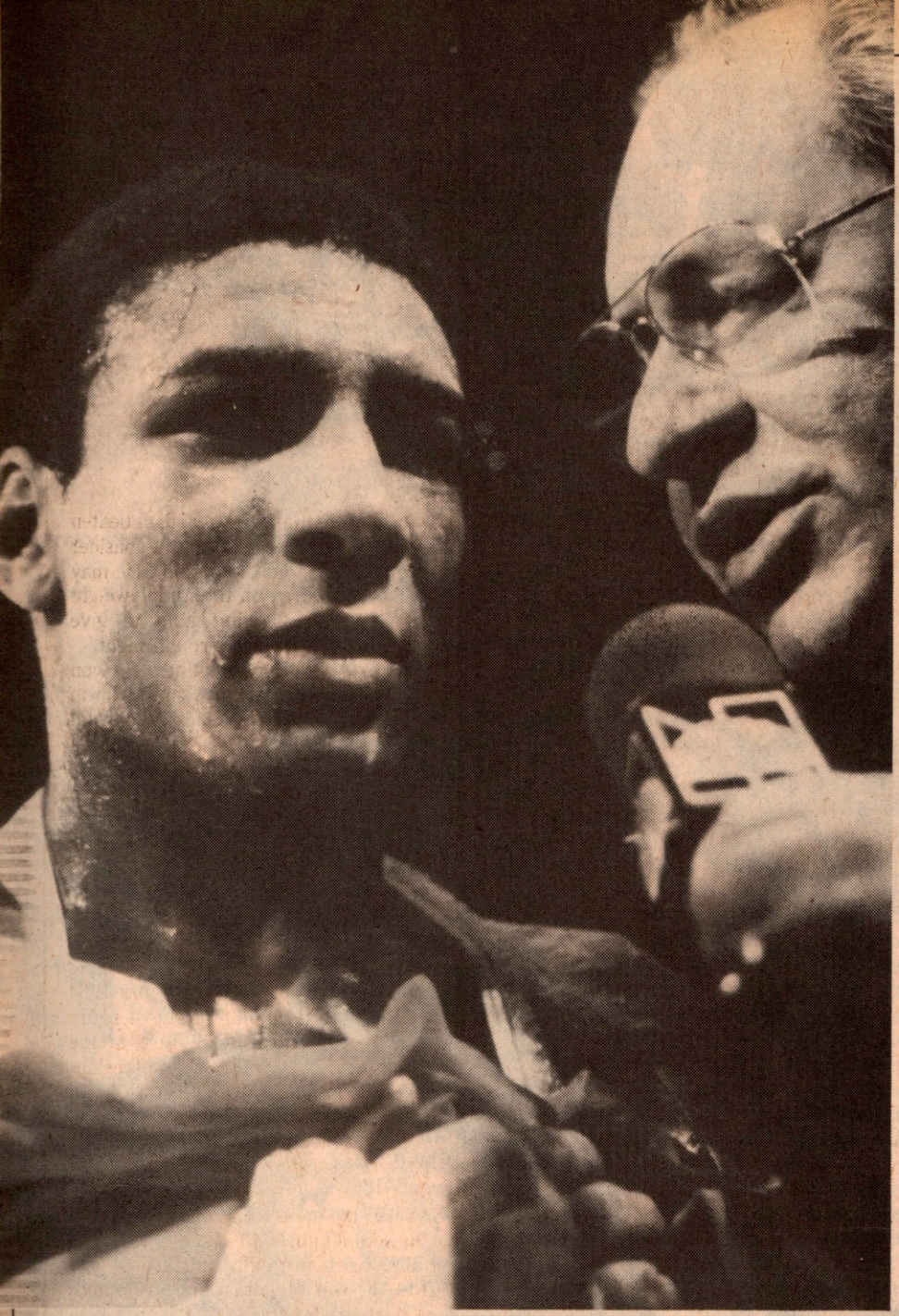
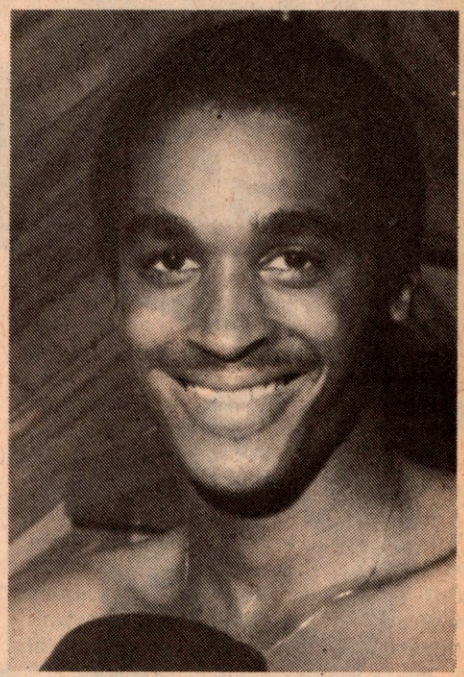
PAYAO POONTARAT WON A BRONZE medal as a light flyweight in the 1976 Olympic Games. However, he didn't turn professional until October, 1981. In his third pro bout, Poontarat lost to Soon-Chun Kwon in an OPBF junior bantamweight (-super flyweight) title bout. He hasn't lost since. His crowning achievement came last November 27, when he won a split decision over the





Left: John "The Beast" Mugabi has become boxing's most feared fighter. Above: Nino LaRocca keeps winning and winning. Right: Towering Alvin Hayes keeps knocking 'em out.

WBC super flyweight champion, Rafael Orono. For Poontarat, it was only his 10th professional fight. And that, coming from nowhere to a world championship, is progress!

Alvin "Too Sweet" Hayes is a lightweight Milton McCrory. At 6'2", you won't find lightweights any taller. Nor will you find any who punch harder. Unrated last year at this time, Hayes has pounded out victory after victory. On September 23, 1983, Hayes was matched against highly-regarded Davidson Andeh of Nigeria. Many insiders felt Hayes had been overmatched. Hayes showed his critics how "overmatched" he was, easily stopping Andeh in the ninth round. At press time, Hayes was scheduled to continue his remarkable progress in a 15-round IBF lightweight title bout against Philadelphia's Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown.

One year ago, it was said that Nino LaRocca was building an undefeated record on stiffs and cream puffs. So, his managers began to step their speedy, elusive welterweight up in class. He took on contender Bobby Joe Young and knocked him out. He stopped contender Pete Ranzany. He outpointed tough Jerry Cheatham. He ended the year with a near-shutout decision over Harold Volbrecht. In less than one year, LaRocca has gone from being a club fighter to a red-hot contender and a fighter whose next stop just may be the championship of the world.

Jung-Koo Chang is rapidly becoming one of the most respected champions in boxing, this after rising from the 10th position in last year's RING ratings. Having lost in an earlier title attempt, Chang was given a rematch by then-champion Hilario Zapata. Chang overwhelmed Zapata, stopping him in the third round and becoming WBC junior flyweight champion. Chang didn't stop there. He has since made two title defenses, and has two more lined up before this June.

Despite losing his last fight on a disqualification (he knocked out Tony Cerda after the bell), Mark Kaylor of England has come from being a club fighter to world-class status since last year. Kaylor, who turned pro in 1980, is a thunderous-punching, 22-year-old middleweight who broke into RING's ratings with a knockout of Roy Gumbs last summer. With the vast improvement Kaylor has shown in the last year, as he has turned from raw slugger into a world-class fighter, expect him to be knocking at Marvelous Marvin Hagler's door by early 1985.

Led by a man known as "The Beast", this talented group of fighters deserves a round of applause for the rounds of excitement they provided us with in 1983.

Tall Mark Breland (top), Frankie Randall (left) and Robert Pew (right) will brighten the boxing scene in 1984.

PROSPECT OF THE YEAR

KENNY BAYSMORE

Of all the gems on the fistic horizon, none seems to have a more brilliant future than this young junior lightweight from the Nation's Capital.

BY RANDY GORDON

CHOOSING THE "FIGHTER OF THE YEAR," "Fight of the Year," and other awards is easy when compared to picking a fighter who deserves to be called "Prospect of the Year."

Selecting a top prospect and a field of runners-up is like walking into a jewelry store and being asked to choose a handful of diamonds from several hundred. All of them look like gems, but only a select few are really flawless after cutting and polishing.

Kenny Baysmore, of Washington, D.C., is such a gem. This junior lightweight shows all the qualities of a future champion. At 5'9", he towers over most men his weight. His hands are quick, his punches hard and accurate and his condition is that of a top flight world champion.

Managed by ex-pro football star Brig Owens, Baysmore fought 65 times as an amateur, winning 60 of those bouts. Included were two national PAL titles and a national Golden Gloves championship (1978).

Baysmore, who is trained by Janks Morton—voted "Trainer of the Year" by the Boxing Writer's Association in 1981—is currently 13-0. No opponent has lasted the distance with him.

Baysmore's main weapon is a strong left jab, off which he works his rapid combinations.

Baysmore is coming off a November 4th stoppage of Paul Lee and a career-best TKO of tough, cagey veteran Benny Marquez last December 16th. Both performances were seen nationwide on the USA Network.

Morton feels that the 22½-year-old Baysmore is now ready for world-class opposition. We are in total agreement.

Roger Mayweather and Hector Camacho are running out of viable, talented challengers. Both are waiting to be really tested as champions. With the incredible talent Baysmore has, neither will have to wait very long.

VINNIE PAZIENZA IS A 20-YEAR-OLD LIGHTweight from Cranston, R.I. As an amateur, he won 100 out of 112 bouts. Since turning pro in May, 1983, "Paz" has won 10 fights, all of them by knockout. A colorful, crowd-pleasing fighter with tremendous hand speed, Pazienza is managed by Lou Duva and Shelly Finkel. In a recent outing in West Warwick, R.I., "Paz" drew a $30,000 gate. Some believe he is another Ray Mancini

Another young talent who began his pro career in 1983 is Tampa, Florida, middleweight Robert Pew. Turning pro in September, he fought almost once every two weeks, ending the year at 8-0 with six knockouts. A brutal puncher with either hand, Pew fractured the ribs of his first two professional opponents. "Few Survive Pew," is what USA Network boxing announcer Al Albert said after Pew's third-consecutive first-round knockout. Pew, who fights for Alessi Promotions, is 25. His only problem is his weight, which gives him a tougher time than any opponent. If he can somehow keep his weight from making him a light heavyweight, the 5'10" Pew should punch his way into contention within the next 18 months.

You've heard of Knoxville, Tennessee. You've heard of Nashville, Tennessee. You've probably never heard, however, of Morristown, Tennessee. You will. That's because Frankie Randall will do for Morristown what Larry Holmes did for Easton, Pa. Randall is a 5'9" junior welterweight who is currently 11-0 as a pro. Ten of those victories have come inside the distance. As an amateur, he won 220 out of 236 fights. Included were victories over Kenny Bogner and Robin Blake. Managed by Dick King, the 21-year-old Randall possesses ultra-quick hands, a sharp, hard jab and a powerful right cross. Those who have seen him believe he is within a year of taking on world-class junior welterweights. Morristown, Tenn., may be an unheard of, obscure city today, but tomorrow—and Frankie Randall—are coming.

IN 1984, THE NAME HILTON IS GOING TO BE one of boxing's most popular names. That's because there are three young men from Montreal, Canada, who carry the name. There's Alex Hilton. There's Davey Hilton. There's also Matthew Hilton. They're brothers. All three can fight. Davey, a welterweight, is the oldest. He's 19. Alex, a middleweight, is 18. Their "baby" brother, Matthew, 17, is a welterweight. As amateurs, their combined records show just one defeat in over 300 fights. As professionals, they haven't lost in close to 50 fights. With the way all three of them can fight, don't expect any of them to lose. Not in '84, a year when Hilton is going to be one of the most popular names in boxing.

Normally THE RING doesn't add the names of amateurs to its professional prospects. However, not since 1976, when Sugar Ray Leonard and four other Americans won gold medals in the Montreal Summer Olympics, has any amateur received as much publicity as world amateur welterweight champion Mark Breland. Today, Breland is cornering the pre-Olympic press market.

Breland, from the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, N.Y., is a 6'3" welterweight. A power-punching, 6'3" welterweight. Currently in training for an unprecedented fifth-straight New York Golden Gloves title, Breland has won 95 of 96 amateur fights, stopping 67 opponents. Following the prestigious tournament in March, Breland will move on to the Olympic Trials, then, the Summer Games in Los Angeles. A gold medal performance there will make Breland the most talked-about, most-publicized amateur fighter in American history. When he turns professional at the end of the summer, his debuting purse will be somewhere in the area of $250,000.

If Mark Breland is not a prospect, then there is no such thing as one.

Let's keep a close watch on these prospects. With the incredible talent each of them have, 1984 will be their year to fully develop, turning from prospects into contenders.

Georgino stands behind his champions, Davila (left) and Garza.

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

BENNIE GEORGINO

He began 1983 without a champion and he finished the year with two. And while he was at it, he disproved Leo Durocher's famous axiom about where nice guys inevitably finish.

BY RANDY GORDON

A GOOD FIGHT MANAGER IS LIKE THE American Buffalo. They are both a rare, nearly-extinct breed.

For years, fight managers have been stereotyped as dumpy, cigar-smoking loudmouths, who, if given the choice between fighting an easy opponent for X-amount of money or a young tiger for the same amount plus two free meals, would choose the fight in which the two free meals were offered. Then, when his fighter gets licked, the manager would gobble down his own dinner and the dinner of his fighter, who would be too beaten up to enjoy anything but some ice packs.

After you've been around just about any fight manager, you get a feeling of uncleanliness, a feeling like you must run home and take a long, hot shower. The feeling is not like that at all with RING's "Manager of the Year" for 1983, Bennie Georgino.

Georgino is a 60-year-old former bail bondsman, restauranteer and bar owner who sold the last of his several bars—in Alhambra, California—in 1983, so he could dedicate all his time to boxing. He is also the man who piloted former featherweight king Danny "Little Red" Lopez after the death of Lopez' longtime manager/trainer, Howie Steindler.

When 1983 began, Georgino was the manager of no champions, three contenders and a few promising young fighters. With his guidance, those promising youngsters are even more promising today. Only one of those three contenders are still contending, however. That's because two of them —super bantamweight Jaime Garza and bantamweight Albert Davila, have gone on to win championships. A third contender, lightweight John Montes, was stopped by Hector Camacho in the first round last February. He has rebounded well, his most recent victory being over rated Mexican Sergio Medina.

"I was very lucky to have two fighters win championships in 1983," said Georgino. "I had to ride through some real tough times and a lot of opposition. I just tried to stay in there and keep hounding the WBC, Jose Sulaiman, Don King, all of t hem. I was busy sending out press releases. I was busy making phone calls. I was busy keeping my fighters busy. Their title shots just had to come. All I had to do was keep them knocking at the door."

Other managers should call up Georgino or write him a letter asking his advice on how to manage fighters. They should be thankful even if he charged them for his advice.

To young, prospective managers, Georgino says, "Get to know this game, inside and out. You can't become a fight manager overnight. There's a lot to it, both on the business side and on the fighting side. A manager should know styles. Certain styles will be beaten easily by his fighter. Other styles may give him problems. Try for an edge—any edge—when you get your guy a fight. It might be an edge in weight. It might be an edge in size. It might be an edge in experience. Whatever it is, just go for that edge. You'll find one if you look. Get that experience. Experience counts!"

Georgino claims "When my fighters hurt, I hurt." His fighters all say they have the same deep-rooted feelings for him. In that case, you know that Jaime Garza, Albert Davila, John Montes and the rest of that stable are all standing and cheering for Bennie Georgino—RING's "Manager of the Year."

Another manager who has done a splendid job with the talent he manages is "Smilin'" Billy Giles, of Harlem, New York. One of his prize pupils is Robert Rucker, a baby-faced welterweight, who, at 28-1, is ready to face world-rated opposition. Giles' other prize is Hector "Macho" Camacho, who has been with him from the start, as has Rucker.

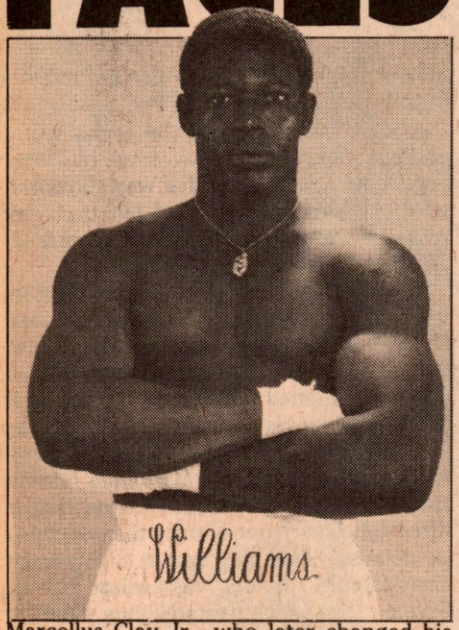
"You've gotta believe in your fighter," says Giles. "You've gotta believe in him right from the start. Sometimes you have to believe in him even more than he believes in himself. I never had any doubt that Camacho would one day be a champion, and just look at him today. I feel the same way about Rucker. I felt that way about him when he was undefeated, I felt that way when he was stopped by Kenny Bogner (in 1981) and I still feel that way today.

Two men who deserve honorable mention are the Petronelli brothers—Pat and Goody—of Brockton, Massachusetts. The two of them manage several fighters, all finely-conditioned athletes. By far, the best of their fighters is a middleweight who has lost only two of the 62 bouts they have gotten for him. His name is Marvelous Marvin Hagler. In 1983, the Petronelli's got Hagler three fights, each one of them meaningful title defenses. One was against highly-rated Tony Sibson. Another was against Wilford Scypion, also a highly-rated fighter. Then, in November, the Petronelli's closed the biggest fight—and payday—of Hagler's career, when they signed to meet the challenge of WBA junior middleweight king Roberto Duran.

Las Vegas' Bill Baxter, like Georgino, started 1983 without having a champion. He finished the year with two of them. One is world junior lightweight king Roger Mayweather. The other is WBC super lightweight king Bruce Curry. Baxter's biggest problem as a manager wasn't getting his fighters shots at the title. His problem is getting them meaningful, lucrative title defenses. Knowing Baxter, he'll resolve that problem before too long.

Managing a fighter is not an easy job. It takes time, care, patience, understanding, love and money. Too many of today's managers are lacking in some—or all—of those ingredients. Bennie Georgino, Billy Giles, the Petronelli brothers and Billy Baxter have all of them, as well as a large of an ingredient that most managers don't know a thing about including when it comes to managing the career of a fistic prospect: Themselves.

NEW FACES



Marcellus Clay Jr.—who later changed his name to Muhammad Ali—has any heavyweight shown as much all-around skill as Carl Williams.

When Clay began to dazzle the pro boxing world with his brilliance in October, 1960, Williams was 11. Not 11 years old. Eleven months old!

Born in West Palm Beach, Florida, Williams moved to White Plains, N.Y., with his family when he was eight years old.

"I remember Ali as a young champion," said Williams, "but I never gave boxing more than a passing thought when I was a kid and a young teenager. I was into other sports, especially basketball."

The 24-year-old Williams looks more like a basketball player than a boxer. That's because he stands 6'5" and has an unmarked face. Williams is the "New Breed" of heavyweight, the towering man whose height, weight and reach make heavyweight champions of past years look small by comparison.

Unlike Clay...or Ali...who began his pro career fighting at under 200 pounds and eventually worked—and ate—his way to over 220 pounds, Williams is already at the 220-pound level. His armspan of 85" is five inches longer than Ali's reach and four inches longer than Larry Holmes', making it virtually impossible to outbox Williams from the outside. Among heavyweights, his hand speed and foot speed is unsurpassed.

Williams began boxing in 1980, after a friend talked him into going to a White Plains, N.Y., gym.

"At first," said Williams, "I just went to the gym as a kind of goof. But I went back the next day and the day after that. I began sparring with this guy everybody said was so good. Within a week, I had chased him out of the gym. He never came back. I realized that I could be a pretty good fighter if I wanted to be. I decided to give it a try." In 35 "tries", Williams has won all but one. That number combines 22 amateur "tries" and 13 professional "tries."

During his amateur days, Williams picked up the nickname, "The Truth." As Williams tells it, he and some friends were talking about an upcoming fight of his and the merits of his opponent, when one of the friends said, "You guys may not know each other now, but after the fight, your opponent is certainly gonna know the truth about who the best man he ever faced is!"

There are three moments which stand out in Williams' mind as being extremely important. One is his winning the North American Championships. Another is beating the Soviet Union's Alexander Yugutkin in the 1981 World Cup. Then there was the National AAU's in Concord, California, in 1981. His memory of that tournament is bittersweet. Disqualified against Bennie Heard for slapping, Williams contemplated giving up boxing.

"I didn't accept it as a loss then, just as I don't accept it as a loss now," said Williams. "If those amateur officials want you to win, you'll win. That's how it is in the amateurs. I decided to turn professional. I decided to start getting paid for my pain and aggravation."

As a pro, Williams has had no pain and aggravation. All he's had is success. With six businessmen behind him forming a group known as "World Class Enterprises," Williams began getting paid for his boxing successes in January, 1982, decisioning Greg Stephany over four rounds.

After beginning his career under the banner of Madison Square Garden Promotions, during which time he won nine fights, eight of them in 1982, Williams signed a promotional contract with Dan Duva and Main Events.

Williams' first fight for Main Events took place on April 24, 1983, in Atlantic city, N.J. His opponent was the oft-beat Robert Hill, who became oft-beat once more, falling in the third round. Two months later, Williams faced 6'6", 199½-pound David Jaco, a former "Tough Man" tournament winner. Jaco may have been tough when he won the unsanctioned "Tough Man" tournament, but it was obvious none of his victims came close to having the skills of Williams. With the first hard jab Williams landed, Jaco found out all about professional boxing. He found out all about Carl Williams. He found out the truth. The fight never saw round two.

Williams has only fought twice since beating Jaco. In August he outpointed Woody Clark over 10 rounds. In September, on the undercard of Aaron Pryor-Alexis Arguello, Williams stopped once-promising Perscell Davis in the fourth round. Since then, nothing. Getting young prospects or fading veterans to step into the ring against "The Truth" may be one of the toughest problems Duva—or any matchmaker—will ever have.

When asked at what he believes are his strong points, Williams said, "My jab is my best weapon. I also have a good straight right, fast combinations and good footwork. My hand speed is excellent. I'm even amazed at my speed!"

To keep boxing's fastest legs in shape, Williams runs every other day, "at least four miles" on those days. He says "Any fighter who tells you he runs 10 miles a day, and I hear so many fighters bragging that they do, I say they're lying."

About his own timetable, Williams says, "I'd like to polish off some of the young heavyweights as I make my way up the heavyweight ladder. I have no doubt about my ability. It's only a matter of time. Although I started late, I believe I've learned enough and happen to be good enough to go all the way."

Then, in a Cassius Clay-like tirade, Williams says, loud enough for all to hear, "I am the uncrowned king, the baddest heavyweigtht in all the land. I am the young heir to the throne."

And that's "The Truth"!

CARL WILLIAMS

Height: 6'5" Weight: 220 pounds Born: November 11, 1959
Amateur Record: 21-1

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
		1982	
Jan. 22	Greg Stephany	New York City	W 4
Mar. 31	Dwight Triplett	New York City	KO 1
Apr. 30	Lou Alexander	New York City	KO 2
May 28	Dan Townsend	New York City	KO 1
June 11	Barry Funches	New York City	KO 6
Aug. 20	Dave Starkey	New York City	KO 3
Oct. 22	Michael Greer	New York City	KO 3
Dec. 9	Leroy Boone	New York City	W 8
		1983	
Feb. 18	Richard Cade	New York City	KO 1
Apr. 24	Robert Hill	Atlantic City	KO 3
June 30	David Jack	Atlantic City	KO 1
Aug. 16	Woody Clark	Atlantic City	W 10
Sept. 9	Perscell Davis	Las Vegas	KO 4

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Ratings as of January 8, 1984

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
1 **Gerrie Coetzee*** ..... South Africa
2 **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
3 **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio
4 **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
5 **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Mike Weaver** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **David Bey** ..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
8 **John Tate** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9 **Trevor Berbick** ..... Halifax, Canada
10 **Frank Bruno** ..... England

11. (Tie) James Broad, Marvis Frazier 13. (Tie) Alfredo Evangelista, Tony Tubbs 15. Renaldo Snipes 16. (Tie) Jeff Sims, Randall (Tex) Cobb 18. George Chaplin

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1 **Dwight Braxton** ..... Camden, N.J.
2 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4 **Carlos DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
5 **John Davis** ..... Hempstead, N.Y.
6 **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
7 **John Odhiambo** ..... Denmark
8 **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9 **Oscar Rivadeneyra** ..... Vineland, N.J.
10 **Pete McIntyre** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Richard Caramanolis, 12. Rudi Koopmans, 13. (Tie) Ossie Ocasio, Anthony Davis 15. (Tie) Eric Winbush, Fulgencio Obelmejias, Saad Muhammad 18. Richie Kates 19. Jose Flores 20. (Tie) Mike Rossman, Charles Singleton

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER ..... Brockton, Mass.
1 **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
2 **Tony Sibson** ..... England
3 **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5 **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
6 **Juan D. Roldan** ..... Argentina
7 **Frank Fletcher** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Murray Sutherland** ..... Bay City, Mich.
10 **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.

11. (Tie) Alex Ramos, Bernard Mays, 13. Mark Holmes, 14. Mark Kaylor 15. (Tie) Wilford Scypion, John Collins 17. (Tie) Don Lee, Leroy Hester, Andre Cooper 20. Vinnie Curto

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1 **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
2 **Roberto Duran*** ..... Panama
3 **Mike McCallum** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
5 **Fred Hutchings** ..... Stockton, Calif.
6 **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
7 **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8 **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
9 **Herol Graham** ..... England
10 **Earl Hargrove** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Carlos Santos, 12. Mario Maldonado, 13. Julian Jackson 14. Sean Mannion 15. (Tie) Francisco DeJesus, Luigi Minchillo 17. (Tie) Louis Acaries, Mark Medal, Bushy Bester

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2 **Donald Curry*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
4 **Nino LaRocca** ..... Italy
5 **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
6 **Elio Diaz** ..... Venezuela
7 **Milton Guest** ..... Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
8 **Roger Stafford** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
10 **Mauricio Bravo** ..... Venezuela

11. Lupe Aquino, 12. Maurice Blocker, 13. Simon Brown, 14. Juan Rondon 15. (Tie) Pablo Baez, Harold Volbrecht 17. (Tie) Alfredo Lucero, Kevin Howard, Bobby Joe Young 20. Jeff Malcolm 21. (Tie) Carlos Trujillo, Jun-Sok Hwang

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1 **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
2 **Bruce Curry**** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
4 **Ronnie Shields** ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas.
5 **Billy Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
6 **Saoul Mamby** ..... New York, N.Y.
7 **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
8 **Felix Reyes** ..... Dominican Republic
9 **Mario Cusson** ..... Montreal, Canada
10 **Hugo Hernandez** ..... Argentina

11. (Tie) Lorenzo Garcia, Reyes Cruz 13. (Tie) Ubaldo Sacco, Harry Arroyo 15. Steve Hearon 16. (Tie) Gene Hatcher, Clint McKenzie 18. (Tie) John Verderosa, Hideakazu Akai

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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Ray Mancini*** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
2 **Edwin Rosario**** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Howard Davis, Jr.** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
4 **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5 **Robin Blake** ..... Levelland, Tex.
6 **Livingstone Bramble** ..... Passaic, N.J.
7 **Roberto Elizondo** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
8 **Alvin Hayes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9 **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
10 **Orlando Romero** ..... Peru

11. Charlie Brown, 12. Ken Bogner, 13. Nick Furlano, 14. (Tie) Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown, Jimmy Paul, Tony Baltazar 17. (Tie) Daryl Tyson, Greg Coverson, Sergio Medina

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROGER MAYWEATHER* ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
1 **Bobby Chacon** ..... Oroville, Calif.
2 **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3 **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Paterson, N.J.
4 **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
5 **Samuel Serrano** ..... Puerto Rico
6 **Rolando Navarrete** ..... Hawaii
7 **Tae-Jin Moon** ..... Korea
8 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... England
9 **Alfredo Raininger** ..... Italy
10 **Jorge Alvarado** ..... Panama

11. Refugio Rojas 12. Il-Bok Lee 13. Rafael Limon 14. Yoshimitsu Azato 15. (Tie) Roberto Castanon, Rod Sequenan 17. Edgar Castro 18. (Tie) Benedicto Villablanca, Raphael Lopez, Greg Coverson, Hwan-Kil Yuh

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1 **Juan LaPorte**** ..... New York, N.Y.
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Paterson, N.J.
4 **Jose Caba** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
6 **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Johnny De La Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
8 **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
9 **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10 **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Richard Savage, 12. (Tie) Gerald Hayes, Irving Mitchell, 14. Oscar Bejines 15. Steve Cruz, 16. (Tie) Barry McGuigan, Loris Stecca, Fernando Sosa 19. Angel Mayor

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)

TITLE VACANT

1 **Jaime Garza**** ..... Los Angeles, California
2 **Leo Cruz*** ..... Dominican Republic
3 **Mike Ayala** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **Felipe Orozco** ..... Colombia
5 **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6 **Bernardo Checa** ..... Panama
7 **Jorge Lujan** ..... Panama
8 **Bobby Berna** ..... Philippines
9 **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
10 **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico

11. Felix Rodriguez, 12. (Tie) Sergio Palma, Oscar Muniz, 14. Bernardo Pinango, 15. Raul Gonzalez 16. (Tie) Pongpan Sorphayathai, Seung-Hoon Lee 18. Jairo Anton

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Albert Davila**** ..... Mexico
2 **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
3 **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dominican Republic
4 **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5 **Edgar Roman** ..... Caracas, Venezuela
6 **Payao Poontarat** ..... Thailand
7 **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
8 **Richard Sandoval** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
10 **Harold Petty** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas

11. Freddie Jackson 12. Paul Ferreri 13. Chul-Ho Kim 14. Jorge Ramirez 15. Neptali Alamag 16. James Pipps 17. Daniel Zaragoza 18. Daniel Blanco 19. Suk-Chul Bae

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

FRANK CEDENO** ..... Philippines
1 **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2 **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3 **Lupe Madera** ..... Mexico
4 **Eleoncio Mercedes** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Charlie Magri** ..... England
6 **Freddie Castillo** ..... Mexico
7 **Katsuo Tokashiki** ..... Japan
8 **Prudencio Cardona** ..... Colombia
9 **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
10 **German Torres** ..... Mexico

11. Reinaldo Becerra, 12. Juan Herrera, 13. Guty Espadas 14. (Tie) Joey Olivo, Isidro Perez 16. Antoine Montero 17. Keith Wallace

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he'd hang around. You can see that I've done my homework!"

Indeed he had, in more ways than one.

Chandler was talking to newsmen—or "holding court," as he phrased it—in the interview room at the Sands Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, having just retained his title with a bloody, seventh-round technical knockout of Oscar Muniz.

"Muniz is a very good fighter," said Chandler. "I've been following him for years. I've been around a while and I've been keeping my eye on him all the time I've been here."

This battle with Muniz was a grudge match. Despite all that Chandler knew about the 28-year-old Pico Rivera, Calif. veteran who had not lost in the last three years, the champion had come in unprepared for a non-title bout that the two had fought back on July 23. The bout had been scheduled with only five days' notice, to fill in a void in the Saturday afternoon ABC TV schedule that had been created by the cancellation of the Michael Spinks-Eddie Mustafa Muhammad fight in Washington, D.C. ABC had planned to air the delayed tape and when that fell through, they found Chandler and Muniz. Oscar "The Boxer," who had worked with Albert Davila but felt that he was going unrecognized, took the bout "to gain exposure and get on national TV." And Muniz took full advantage, punching out a 10-round, split-decision win over the out-of-shape Chandler. Chandler, caught by punches he should have avoided, and frustrated by Muniz' side-to-side movement, resorted toward the end to an obnoxious display of mugging and sticking out his tongue, losing him the support of the Atlantic City crowd and quite possibly costing him points in the scoring. It was Chandler's first loss and though his championship was not affected, he was bitter and embarrassed.

After the fight, Chandler said that he had been robbed and that Muniz had "run like a thief." Muniz, ranked number three by *The Ring* going in, but unranked by the WBA or WBC, said that he had earned a ranking and a title fight. Promoter J. Russell Peltz immediately expressed interest in rematching Chandler and Muniz, this time with the title on the line.

First, Chandler had to go to Tokyo to meet Eijiro Murata, the Japanese bantamweight whom the WBA orders Chandler to defend his title against periodically. Chandler, who drew with Murata and knocked him out in 13 rounds in 1981, KO'd the Oriental challenger in 10 this time around.

The rematch with Muniz was immediately finalized.

Both fighters had adequate time to train this time, and it was the difference in Chandler that spelled the difference. In recent years Chandler has had trouble getting down to the bantamweight limit, and he has spoken of moving up to the junior featherweight class. But weeks of heavy duty sparring and roadwork got Jeff down to a lean and mean 116¾ pounds, a full pound-and-a-quarter below the 118-pound maximum.

Muniz, 117¼, inches shorter than the 5 foot 7 inch champion, came out aggressively in the first round, digging right hands into Chandler's left side. But Chandler moved away nicely and connected with good left hooks and straight rights to Oscar's jaw. It was one of those right hands that caught Muniz on the point of the jaw and caused him to stagger somewhat. Afterward, his co-manager, Eddie Sobel, said he believed Oscar's jaw had been fractured in the first round. "I've never seen him stagger from a punch like he did in the first round," said Sobel. "And when he came back to the corner he said he had trouble opening his mouth."

X-rays taken later that day showed that the jaw was not fractured. But Muniz was still in a lot of trouble as the fight progressed.

Muniz continued pressuring Jeff in the second round. "In the last fight he scored with some very good straight right hands," Chandler said of Oscar, "so he went right to it this time. After he threw a right hand that landed he came back with a left hook. He knew how to string his body motion together."

Chandler admitted that Muniz almost had him in trouble in the second round but the champion's good condition paid off. "He shook me with a right hand," said Chandler, "and I had to take a couple of steps back. The last time I fought him I had no legs. But this time I was able to turn it around and move forward again."

Chandler busted Muniz open over the left eye with a right cross in the third round. It was the same cut that had surfaced in their first fight. But the bleeding was far worse this time and it took away whatever chance Oscar may have had to win.

Muniz fought hard in the fourth round, aware that with the blood dripping, he had to work fast. Chandler concentrated on throwing head shots and low blows, the former causing the blood to flow and the latter earning a warning from referee Vinnie Rainone.

Chandler did a lot of complaining to Rainone the next round, objecting to what he charged were deliberate head butts from Muniz. Rainone blasted Chandler in the sixth round, saying "I know he's not butting."

But by then Chandler had opened another cut, this one on Muniz right cheek. "I didn't want to keep hitting him," Chandler said later. "These referees are crazy. I could see the white meat inside the cut. Oscar's cutman, Jackie McCoy had no luck stopping the flow of blood. When it began to gush at just the beginning of round seven, Rainone stepped in and stopped the fight at the 23-second mark of the round.

'IT'S JOLTIN', NO JOKIN'!'

So said Jeff Chandler after battering Oscar Muniz to retain his World Bantamweight Title and avenge his only loss. Now Chandler is challenging WBC titlist Albert Davila to come forth and prove who the "only bantamweight champion" is.

BY BEN SHARAV

JEFF CHANDLER IS A BOXING EXPERT. THE World Bantamweight Champion follows the game closely and can tell you what most of his potential opponents have been doing in recent years. Chandler, who has defended his title nine times since he won it in 1980, is now gunning for a fight with WBC bantam champion Albert Davila, to provide the final proof that Jeff is the greatest 118-pound fighter in the world.

"Come on guys, I deserve that fight," Chandler mock-pleaded to reporters recently.

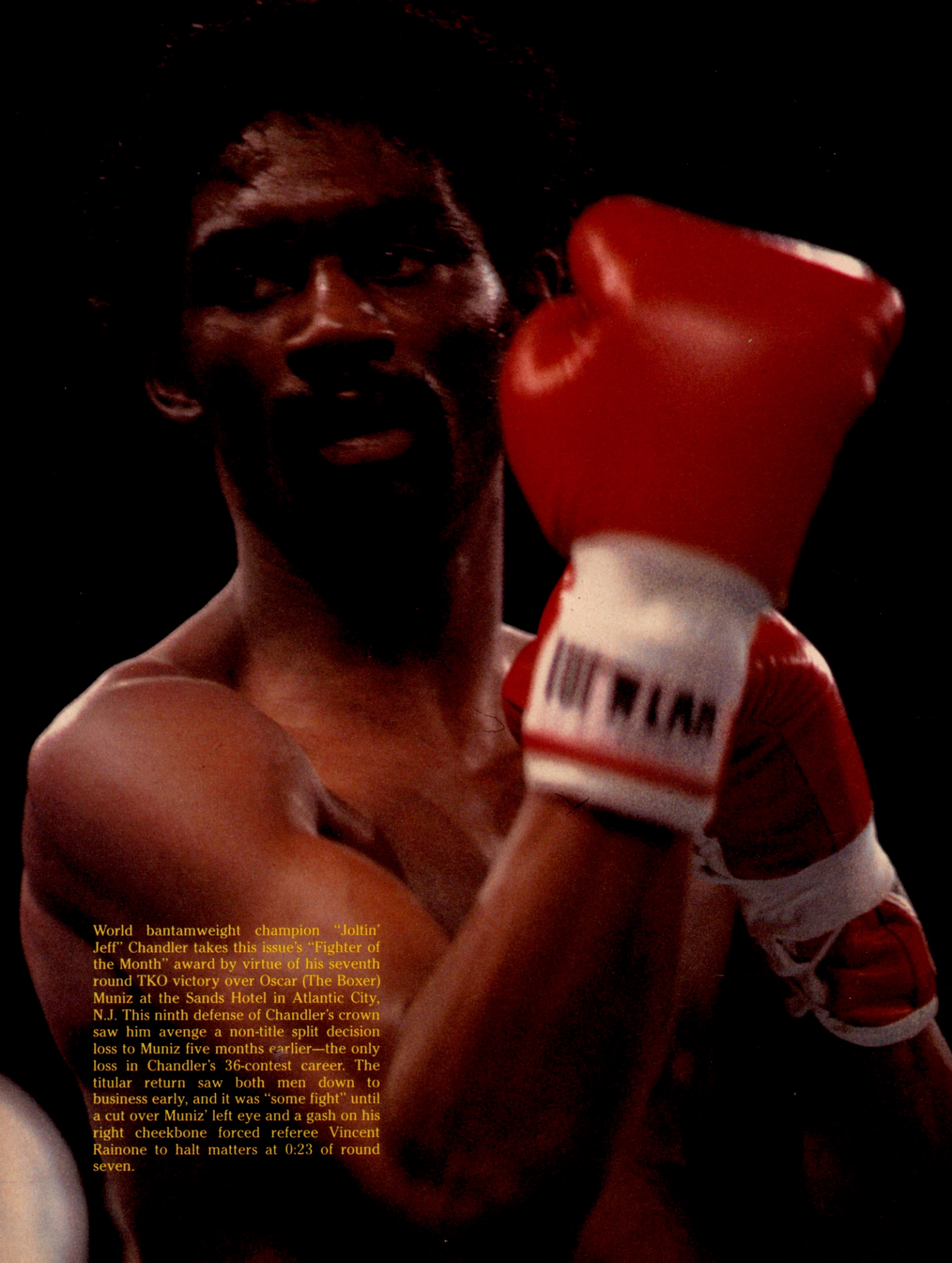
"Do you care whether you'd have to go to his home turf of Los Angeles to get the fight, and whether it's scheduled for 15 or 12 rounds—(if they have that WBA-WBC nonsense)?" the Philadelphia-born-and-based champion was asked.

"I'd rather not go to Los Angeles, but I will if I have to," Chandler answered. " "I'd go to hell to fight bantamweights."

"I'd want to fight 15 rounds because that's the championship distance," continued Chandler, "but if I can only get him at 12 rounds, I'll fight him at 12."

"How long would it last?," continued the questioner.

"Let's see," said Chandler. "Davila's a respectful bantamweight. He's fought Zarate, he's fought Lujan—he was stopped by Zarate, he went 15 with Lujan . . . I think



World bantamweight champion "Joltin' Jeff" Chandler takes this issue's "Fighter of the Month" award by virtue of his seventh round TKO victory over Oscar (The Boxer) Muniz at the Sands Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J. This ninth defense of Chandler's crown saw him avenge a non-title split decision loss to Muniz five months earlier—the only loss in Chandler's 36-contest career. The titular return saw both men down to business early, and it was "some fight" until a cut over Muniz' left eye and a gash on his right cheekbone forced referee Vincent Rainone to halt matters at 0:23 of round seven.

Jeff Chandler, until recently, "the greatest fighter nobody knows," has been seen enough on TV recently to become a recognizable face to most boxing fans. But he's still light years behind the million-dollar purses that fighters in other divisions are commanding. "I'd have to fight five years to get a million dollars," says an envious Chandler, who earned $200,000 for fighting Muniz. "All the bantamweights are running away from me. Every time I fight I chase more of them away. The only people who are willing to fight me are guys with a lot of guts, who've lost to me already.

"The writers and the fans complained when I clowned. But they're starting to see that I'm joltin', not Jokin'."

Mike (The Giant) White, 257, Bay City, Michigan, a southpaw, TKO'd James (Buster) Douglas, 234¼, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:57 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Douglas was ahead, 8-0, 7-0-1, and 7-1, prior to the stoppage. White is now 13-4-1 with 10 kayoes. Douglas is 18-2-1 with 14 knockouts. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Earl (The Pearl) Hargrove, 156, Philadelphia, TKO'd Muhammad Shabazz, 157¾, Hartford, Conn., at 0:35 of the second in their scheduled 10-rounder. Hargrove is now 24-0—all knockouts. Shabazz is 14-5 with seven kayoes. Joe Cortez, referee.

Gary Hinton, 138, Philadelphia, a southpaw, won a unanimous decision over Felix Reyes, 139¼, Santo Domingo, D.R., 10. Scoring: Frank Cappuccino, 7-2; William Kostrub, 7-3; Milo Savage, 6-4. Hinton is now 21-2-1 with 10 kayoes. Reyes is 20-4 with 12 knockouts. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Rafael Caban, 111, New York, TKO'd Ken Butts, 110, Philadelphia, at the end of round six in a scheduled eight. Caban is now 14-0-1 with 10 kayoes. Butts is 7-3 with four knockouts. Joe Cortez, referee.

Billy Saunders, 179¼, Vineland, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Tom McGuire, 189½, Philadelphia, six. Saunders is now 5-5-3. McGuire is 8-2 with five kayoes. Joe Cortez, referee.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Site—Sands Hotel & Casino.
Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Attendance—SRO.

ABC-TV.
(12-17-83)

POONTARAT-ORONO
WBC Junior Bantamweight Title

BATTAYA, THAILAND—1976 Olympic light flyweight bronze medalist Payao Poontarat, 114½, Thailand, won the WBC super flyweight (AKA junior bantam) crown with a split verdict over defending champion Rafael Orono, 114, Venezuela, after 12 rounds at the Grand Palace Hotel.

Poontarat, who did not enter boxing's paid ranks until October, 1981, thus won the world crown in only his 10th pro bout. Orono, who earned a reported $200,000, had predicted he would finish the Thai inside of five rounds. He paid dearly for his overconfidence.

After a cautious opening session, Poontarat won round two with sharp jabs and well delivered combos. The tall Thai, however, sustained a cut over his left optic.

Orono was warmed up by now, and took the third and fourth rounds with his left. The fifth round was a big surprise, as Poontarat floored the champ with a superb combo. Referee Zack Clayton, though, ruled it a slip.

The sixth round was even. Orono landed some nice lefts to the Thai fighter's face, but Poontarat retaliated with solid rights.

The next frame, the seventh, was Orono's best. He landed a hard right that almost floored the challenger. Rafael went for the kayo, but Payao clinched and kept retreating.

Poontarat's English cornerman, Charles Atkinson, had, by now, stemmed the Thai's bleeding. Orono came out trying to end it, but Poontarat survived by making use of his left jab. This was the last round that the champ managed to win.

Payao turned loose in the ninth and hit the fatigued Venezuelan with good jabs and some sharp rights. A hard right opened up a cut inside Orono's mouth in the 10th session. "You have to win the last two rounds to bring your title back to Venezuela," said Rafael's cornerman, Freddy Rengifo.

Orono attacked in the 11th, but Poontarat moved well and avoided almost all his punches. Rafael was very tired now, and spent the 12th session backpedaling. Payao landed with both hands, and the champ had all he could do to weather the storm.

The official scoring was as follows: Martin Denkin and Vince Delgado, both 116-112, Poontarat; Chuck Hassett, 115-113, Orono.

The crowd thundered its response when referee Clayton raised Payao's hand. "It's not a victory for me," said the new champion. "It's a win for the Thai people. I trained hard and did my best to win this fight. I want to keep the title as long as possible."

Orono wept in his dressing room. He claimed he had been robbed, and manager Rafito Cedeno gloomily agreed. "If Rafael had been more aggressive in the last three rounds, he would have saved his title," said Cedeno.

"Orono fought poorly," was WBC president Jose Sulaiman's comment. "He started well, but he allowed Poontarat to take over in the late rounds. I congratulate the new champ on his fine performance. Payao's win will serve as motivation for Thai fighters."

Poontarat, who was born in Prachuab Khiri Khan in 1956, learned *Muay Thai* (Thai national kick boxing) in childhood. He drifted toward western style boxing in his youth, however, and won a silver medal at the Asian Games in 1975. The Montreal Olympics saw the 20-year-old Thai decision Remus Cosma (Roumania), Alexandr Tkachenko (U.S.S.R.) and Gyorgy Gedo (Hungary) before suffering a two-round stoppage at the hands of North Korea's Dyong-Uk Lee.

Payao's only loss as a professional has been to Soon-Chun Kwon in an OPBF junior bantamweight title bout in May, 1982. It was Poontarat's third pro bout.

Poontarat is now 9-1. Orono, whose previous 1983 title defenses had resulted in victories over Raul Valdez, Pedro Romero, and Orlando Maldonado, is 28-2-1 with 15 knockouts. Those three bouts were all held in Venezuela, which is where Orono should have stayed.

Raoul Gonzales, Venezuela, climbed off the deck in the first to win a unanimous decision over Pongpan Sorphayathai, the WBC's 10th ranked junior feather, 10. Sorphayathai is now 32-6-1 with 29 kayoes.

Promoter—Sombhop Srisomvongse.
(11-27-83)

JOE KOIZUMI

CANIZALES-PIPPS
USBA Bantamweight Title

BEAUMONT, TEXAS—Jose (Gaby) Canizales retained his USBA bantamweight title by trouncing previously undefeated James Pipps of Vidor, Texas. Pipps was retired by his corner after the fifth round.

After a first stanza in which Pipps forced the action, Canizales continuously peppered his challenger with jabs, hooks, and uppercuts.

Pipps, who has the unfortunate habit of taking his eyes off of his opponent in a clinch in order to look at his corner for instructions, was a sitting duck for Gaby's left hooks and uppercuts from the midway point of round two. He was decked in rounds three and five, but managed to open a cut on the inside corner of Canizales' left eye in the fourth.

Cornermen Kenny Weldon, Howard Parham, and Rudy Hernandez took a got look at Pipps after the fifth round and saw that he was bleeding from above the left eye and the mouth. He also had what looked like a fractured right hand, and there was no point in subjecting the lion-hearted youngster to any more punishment. Messrs. Weldon, Parham, and Hernandez wisely called things off.

Pipps needs to fight men of the journeyman class before meeting world contenders of the likes of Canizales—and not some of the stumblebums he's been in with lately.

Mike Phelps, 115¼, Lumberton, won a unanimous decision over Frankie Arbaiza, 115½, Houston, four.

Otho (Choo-Choo) Dixon, 144½, Beaumont, knocked out Nacho Acosta, 145, Houston, in 0:28 of the third.

Farrain Comeaux, 130½, Nederland, TKO'd Tony Guerrero, 130, Morgan City, La., at 1:58 of the first.

Lanky Danny Montalvo, 132½, San Antonio, kayoed Tom Miller, 135¼, Vidor, in 1:10 of the second.

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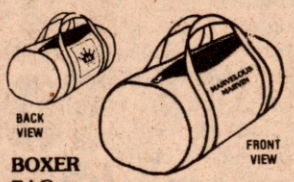

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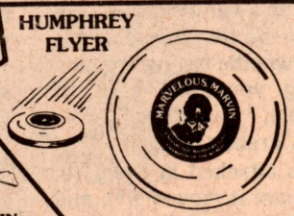

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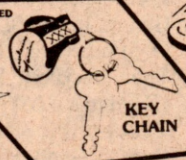

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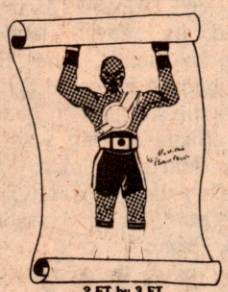

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Sammy Fuentes, 123½, Beaumont, won a shutout unanimous decision over southpaw Danny Torrez, 122¼, San Antonio, six.

Ron Haynes, 135, Beaumont, stopped Dwight Sons, 130½, Angola, La., at 0:41 of the first.

Referees—Mark Tessman, Barry Yeats.

Judges—Bob Martin, Frank Martinez, Tony Sechelski.

Timekeeper—Tommy Ferris.

Site—Beaumont Civic Center.

Promoters—Texas Fisticuffs and Lone Star Beer. Matchmaker—Kenny Weldon.

Attendance—1,850 (estimated).

Gross—$23,000—probably a dizeable loss for the sponsors. Canizales and Pipps were paid $10,000 each. (11-14-83)

CLAUDE A. JACKSON

SPINKS-RIVADENEYRA World Light Heavyweight Title

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Michael Spinks, 173¾, St. Louis, Missouri, TKO'd Oscar Rivadeneyra, 173¼, a native of Lima, Peru now boxing out of Vineland, New Jersey, at 1:42 of the 10th round to retain his world light heavyweight title.

Spinks and the challenger both sustained cuts above the left eye in the second, but Michael's superior speed allowed him to turn Rivadeneyra's face into a blood mask. A quick left-right combo staggered Oscar in the third, and the cut above the Peruvian's left eye was reopened in the fourth and every round thereafter.

Michael's rapier left jab continued to rain havoc until Oscar went down in the 10th. Spinks then opened up completely, and referee Joe Cortez gave the challenger a standing eight-count. Then he stopped the bout.

Spinks, who collected about half a million dollars for this contest, is now 24-0. Rivadeneyra, who made around $100,000 (more than three times his highest previous purse), is 19-1.

James Shuler, 160, Philadelphia, knocked out Leroy Green, 161, Kansas City, in 1:17 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Jimmy Rondeau, referee.

Don LaLonde, 172¼, Winnipeg, kayoed Akbar Muhammad, 166, Omaha, Nebraska, in 0:47 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Jackie Ableman, referee.

Michael Olajide, 157¼, Vancouver, won a majority decision over Stacy McSwain, 159, Forest City, N.C., eight. Pat O'Reily, referee.

Jamie Ollenberger, 150, Vancouver, TKO'd Jimmy Johnson, also 150, Seattle, at 2:19 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Les Vagus, referee.

Marty Shuler, 153½, Philadelphia, TKO'd Perry Evans, 153, Victoria, B.C., at 1:22 of the fifth round in their scheduled six. Jimmy Rondeau, referee.

Timekeeper—Jim Crook.

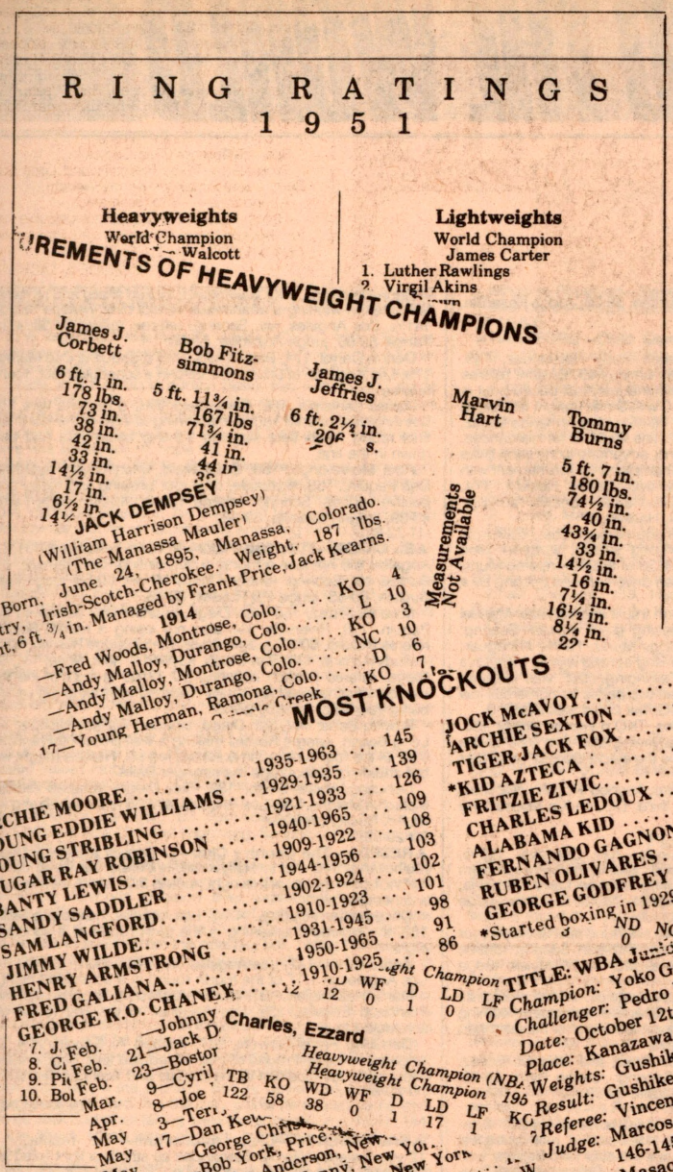
Knockdown Timer—Norm McLeod.

Ringside Physician—Paul Kent, M.D.

Ring Announcer—Phil Johnson.

Site—Pacific Coliseum.

Butch Lewis Productions. (11-25-83)



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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

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CALIFORNIA

▲**RESEDA—Chuck Landis Country Club—**Alonzo Gonzalez, 115, Sepulveda, kayoed Oscar Cristerna, 113½, Tijuana, referee Larry Rozadilla rescuing Cristerna shortly after his third trip to the canvas, 1:41 into the eighth of a scheduled 10. Gonzalez also dropped Cristerna in the first and fifth rounds with clean lefts to the head.

In another one-sided bout, once beaten Alfonso Long, 147½, Los Angeles, scored a TKO over J.D. Williams, 146, Oceanside, Williams retiring in his corner at the end of the fourth in a scheduled six.

Steve Bell, 160½, Pacoima, stopped inept Jose Luis Cardenas, 159, Los Angeles, referee Lou Filippo stepping in after 1:25 of the fourth in a scheduled five when Cardenas was under heavy fire and not hitting back. Cardenas was down for eight shortly before the end.
(11-01-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—**Gilberto Roman, 116½, Mexicali, may have ended the career of local favorite Georgie Garcia, 118, Westminister, who was rescued by referee Dick Young at 1:38 of the ninth in a scheduled 10 following a nasty beating in the previous two rounds. Roman is a fine prospect and improving steadily. Official scoring through eight: 78-75, 77-76, and a bit harsh 79-75—all for Roman.

John Watkins, 122, Los Angeles, TKO'd former Japanese super bantamweight champion Bunji Ando, 122, referee Vince Delgado stopping the fight at the end of the second in a scheduled six.

Four rounders. Gilbert Davila, 118, Pomona, won a disputed majority decision (38-38, 40-36, 39-38) over Gustavo Lopez, 121, Los Angeles. Alex Maciel, 155, Pomona, eked out an upset majority verdict (39-39, 39-37, 39-37) over previously unbeaten John Michael Roy, 154, Pasadena. Gabe Lira, 127, Whittier, kayoed inept Baltazar Arroyo, 125, Los Angeles, in 1:25 of the first. Norman Gabourel, 149½, Los Angeles, won a shutout unanimous decision over Valdez Hubbard, 147, Los Angeles.
(11-03-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Hyatt Regency Ballroom—**Comebacking Marty Monroe, 205, Los Angeles, took a hard-earned unanimous 10-round points win over Rubin Williams, 192, San Jose, in a fight closer than the official scores would indicate. The stronger Monroe chased and threw plenty of jabs, but ran into trouble in the closing stages when his legs nearly gave way on three seperate occasions. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 9-93; judge John Thomas, 99-91; judge Rudy Jordan, 98-94.

Larry Musgrove, 168, Los Angeles, TKO'd Matthew Lewis, 165, Los Angeles, the bout ending prematurely at the end of the fourth in a scheduled six when Lewis was not allowed to continue because of a bad cut over his right eyebrow.

Poncho Velasquez, 131, Whittier, won a near shutout unanimous decision over Rudy Ambriz, 130, San Diego, five. Scoring: referee Thomas, 50-46; judge Jordan, 49-46; judge Rozadilla, 50-45.

Curtis Baker, 146, Las Vegas, and Thomas Montes, 147, Los Angeles, drew, four. Both were making their pro debuts. Scoring: referee Jordan, 38-38; judge Rozadilla, 38-38; judge Thomas, 39-37, Baker.

Veteran Sam N'Gata, 195, Los Angeles, knocked out overmatched I.V. Nalls, 193, Los Angeles, with an overhand right in 1:15 of the second round in a scheduled four.

Valdez Hubbard, 147½, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Romeo Bellis, 149, San Diego, four. Bellis was decked in the opening round. Scoring: referee Jordan, 39-38; Judge Rozadilla, 39-37; judge Thomas, 39-37.
(11-11-83)

▲**INGLEWOOD—Forum—**Unbeaten Rudy Hernandez, 149, Los Angeles, halted brave trier Billy Smith, 149, Boston, referee Dr. James Jen-Kin stopping the tremendously fast paced bout at 2:25 of the eighth in a scheduled 10 with Smith upright but taking stick. Scoring after seven: Jen-Kin, 68-65; judge Armando Muniz, 68-67; judge Eddie Fierro, an out-of-line 70-64 all for Hernandez.

Unbeaten Mike Sedillo, 173, Chino, advanced to the semi-finals of the Forum Light Heavyweight Championship Tournament with a 10-round split decision victory over Darrell Hackett, 174, Hawthorne. Scoring: referee Muniz, 98-97, Sedillo; Jen-Kin, 96-95, Sedillo; judge Fierro, 97-94, Hackett.

In another scheduled 10-round tournament bout, California champion G. C. Smith, 174½, Long Beach, stopped Niua Tofaeono, 175, Long Beach, after 2:30 of the fifth, referee Muniz intervening after Tofaeono had been driven around the ring by a series of hard rights.

Shortly Almaguer, 126, Chino, won a split decision over Manuel Canela, 125, Inglewood, in a rousing eight-rounder. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 76-74, Canela; judge Muniz, 79-76, Almaguer; judge Fierro 76-75, Almaguer. *The Ring* agreed with Dr. Jen-Kin's score. Canela never stopped swinging, but was warned repeatedly and eventually penalized two points for numerous low blows. Hard-luck Canela is now 4-3, but could easily be 7-0.

Billy Robertson, 158, Los Angeles, TKO'd Warren Hardy, 158, West Covina, referee Jen-Kin intervening after just 0:42 of the second in a scheduled eight to save the outclassed Hardy further punishment.

Carlos Manzano, 115, San Pedro, kayoed Rogelio Martinez, 114, Los Angeles, at 2:28 of the third. Dr. Jen-Kin referred the scheduled four-round opener.
(11-14-83)

▲**VENTURA—County Fairgrounds—**Tom Cordova, 129½, Albuquerque, won an eight-round split decision over Sam Espinosa, 130, Santa Paula. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 78-74, Cordova; judge Vince Delgado, 78-75, Cordova; judge Robert Byrd, 77-76, Espinosa.

Al Myles, 230, Los Angeles, won a six-round split decision over Mike (The Giant) White, 250, Bay City, Michigan. Scoring: referee Delgado, 58-56, Myles; judge Rozadilla, 58-57, Myles; judge Byrd, 60-55, White.

Unbeaten Sylvester Lee, 212, Los Angeles, TKO'd previously unbeaten Nick Delong, 219, Long Beach, the stoppage coming at the end of the first round in a scheduled five after the latter had been down and cut over the left eye.

Debuting Zeke Vera, 121, Santa Paula, and Gustavo Lopez, 120½, Los Angeles drew four. Scoring: referee Byrd, 39-39; judge Delgado, 39-38; judge Rozadilla, 39-38.
(11-16-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—**WBC bantamweight champion Albert Davila, 119, Pomona, making his first outing since his tragic September title win over Kiko Bejines, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Julio Rodrigues, 119, Fremont, but had to work all the way against a determined, tough-chinned opponent. Scoring: referee Lou Moret, 99-92; judge Chuck Hassett, 98-93; judge Lou Filippo, 99-92.

WBC super bantamweight champion Jaime Garza, 122, Pacoima, knocked out Beto Perez, 123½, Michoacan, Mexico, with a left uppercut to the chin, referee Filippo counting out Perez at 0:59 of the first round in a scheduled 10. The hard hitting Garza's unbeaten record never looked in doubt, but, despite dropping Perez in the second, Garza looked quite frustrated when he missed the spoiling Perez—badly and often—in the first four rounds.

Jorge Ramirez, 121, Los Angeles, recovered from a stunning last second third round knockdown to floor Adan Uribe, 121, Mexicali, four times in the next round, forcing referee Filippo's intervention at 2:26 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Game trier Roberto Garcia, 136, Los Angeles, produced the higher workrate, but stronger Joe Olivera, 136, Pasadena, was awarded a split decision victory after five crowd pleasing rounds. Scoring: referee Hassett, 49-47, Olivera; judge Moret, 48-47, Olivera; judge Filippo, 48-47, Garcia. *The Ring* agreed with judge Filippo's score.

Unbeaten Gilbert Davila, 119, Pomona, unamimously outpointed Enrique Ayala, 119½, Los Angeles, four.

Debuting southpaw Kevin Smith 140½, Chino, won a four-round split decision over winless Jose Luis Correa, 140, East Los Angeles. Scoring: referee Hassett, 39-37, Smith; judge Moret, 39-38, Correa; judge Fillippo, 40-37, Smith.
(11-17-83)

▲**BAKERSFIELD—Kern County Fairgrounds—**Combacking Jerry Quarry, 195, Bakersfield, won a majority decision over James Williams, 184, Portland, 10. The 38-year-old former heavyweight contender acknowledged that he was very fortunate to win. Quarry bled from the mouth and nose and was marked and swollen above and below both eyes. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 96-96; judge Gwen Farrell, 97-96; judge Dick Young, 96-95.

Danny Venegas, 140, Bakersfield, looked sharp and remained unbeaten in winning a unanimous verdict over Wallace Nichols, 141½, Los Angeles, six. Scoring: referee Young, 57-55; judge Farrell, 59-56; judge Rozadilla, 58-56.

Dennis Corrol, 174, Bakersfield, TKO'd debuting Dan Murnon, 175, Los Angeles, at 0:52 of the third in a scheduled four. Young, referee.

James Benjamin, 160, Bakersfield, TKO'd Roberto Veta, 159, Los Angeles, referee Young intervening at 2:10 of the fourth and final round when Veta stopped fighting back. Veta had been down in the first.

Abel Montelongo, 155, Bakersfield, unanimously outpointed Dan Paquin,, 158, Riverside, over four bruising and highly competitive rounds. Scoring: referee Young, 40-36; judge Farrell, 40-39; judge Rozadilla, 39-38.
(11-22-83)

▲**EL CAJON—El Amigo Plaza—**Poncho Velasquez, 131, Los Angeles, did not lose a round in outpointing Pete Ramirez, 129, Santee, six. Scoring: referee Denny Moyer, 60-55; judge Frank Rustich, 60-55; judge Pat Russell, 60-56.

Mike Gutierrez, 156, San Diego, unanimously outscored Dan Paquin, 158, Riverside, six, also not losing a round. Scoring: referee Russell, 60-57; judge Moyer, 60-54; judge Rustich, 60-54.

Rudy Ambriz, 132, San Diego, kayoed Arnold White, 131, San Diego, referee Rustich counting out White at 1:31 of the third round in a scheduled six. White made no attempt to get up after being floored by a body punch.

Romeo Bellis, 147, San Diego, stopped Wallace Nichols, 146, Long Beach, referee Russell making a well-timed intervention at 0:37 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Nichols fought well, but could not discourage the stronger Bellis.

Debuting Andre Smith, 185, San Diego, stopped reluctant Malachia Malone, 185, Los Angeles, at 0:36 of the fourth and final round. Rustich, referee.
(11-29-83)

▲**RESEDA—The Country Club—**Unbeaten southpaw Dennis Mulholland, 146, North Hollywood, knocked out Doug James, 147½, Los Angeles, with a right hook in 3:04 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Once beaten Al Long, 147½, Los Angeles, halted Joe Mollier, 152, the referee intervening in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.

Andre Wynn, 142, Los Angeles, kayoed Filberto Cortez, 142, Los Angeles in 1:17 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Harry Kazandjian, 137, North Hollywood, knocked out inept Francisco Estrella, 135, Los Angeles, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Debuting Perris Flowers, 217, kayoed Al Seguin, 224, Los Angeles, in the first round of their scheduled four. Seguin walked into a right, fell face first to the canvas and was counted out.
(11-30-83)

DEAN LOHUIS

▲**SACRAMENTO—Civic Auditorium—**The reputation of 12-year veteran Vilomar Fernandez as strictly a light fisted puncher went flying out the window when he caved-in tough Monroe Brooks in the second round of the junior welterweight main event. The New Yorker was given only a remote chance of winning by the local fans, but absolutely no one expected him to hand Brooks a crushing knockout and send him into retirement.

Brooks, 142, from Los Angeles, was caught flush from some clean punches in the first round, and offered nothing back in return. Fernandez rocked Brooks early in the second with a left hook to the ear and an uppercut on the chin. Brooks tried to fight back, but he couldn't come up with anything worth mentioning, and he was soon hurt again, catching a combination to the face. Fernandez chased him across the ring and trapped him in a corner. Unable to defend himself from a series of rapid blows, Brooks began to sink wearily to the canvas, promptly referee Terry Smith to rush in and end the fight. It was the worst defeat Brooks has ever suffered, his hopes of making a comeback have been dashed thoroughly, and moents following his lose Brooks announced to the crowd that he was through with boxing for good.

Promoter Pat Woods surely hoped that Monroe would win, setting up a showdown with crosstown hotshot Sal Lopez. But it went out the window in a hurry. Brooks has lost just seven times in 60 fights, four against one-time world champion, while the 141-pound Fernandez has scored just one previous knockout over the past 6 years. Brooks was the hometown favorite, having fought 17 times at the Civic Auditorium earlier in his career.

Some 2,200 paying customers showed up, and though good for a movie theatre, it left the promoter looking at a cold cash loss of close to $5,000. A good part of the crowd certainly was present because long time hero Pete Ranzany was making a farewell appearance after an amazing 10-year career in the capital city.

In an eight-round semi-main event, Charles Carter, 162, Stockton, was awarded a unanimous decision over Felton Marshall, 158, Los Angeles, in a cautious, no-risk waltz. Carter, now 14-2-8, matched Marshall, now 14-17, for lack of killer-instinct. In the last half of the fight the audience was talking amongst themselves, bored with the fight and resorting to idle gossip.

In the best fight of the card, Baby Rey Ordonio, Concord, 132,

pushed his pro record to 6-0 after winning a breath-stopping, dramatic six-rd unanimous decision over slick, no-quit Keith Potts, 135, Los Angeles.

In a scheduled five-rounder, Loreto Garza, 139, Oakland, scored his fourth knockout in as many fights, lowering the boom on Jose Rezendez, 137, from San Jose, at 2:10 of the third round.

Finally, in a five-round curtain raiser, two welterweight made their pro debut; Ken Lopez, 147, Stockton, took some licks but came back and stopped Robert Hacday, 147, Sacramento, when Hacday's corner threw in the towel at 2:42 of the fourth when there was absolutely no hope left.

▲SAN CARLOS—Circle Star Theatre—Young lightweight Steve Romero outpunched and outmuscled Roman Delgado over 10 rounds to win a unanimous decision. Romero, from San Jose, decked Delgado in the third, and twice staggered him in later rounds, but never came close knocking him out.

Romero, 135¾, had been scheduled to fight Greg Coverson, but the Detroit fighter declined a few days before the match, and Delgado, 136, San Francisco, his record just 12-5, was signed as a replacement. Romero dominated from start to finish, but he ate a fair share of punches, catching both left and right hand shots with his face.

In a 10-round prelim Albert Romero, (brother of Steve), 172, San Jose, ran his record to 15-0 by stopping ancient Rudy Robles, 174, L.A., midway in the seventh. Albert was less than exciting, occasionally plodding, but he always kept trying, and eventually wore down the one-time solid main-event fighter, scoring a knockout at 1:37 of the seventh. Robles, now 42-19-3, protested the lose, but what else could he do?

In an eight-round bout, Mitchell Julien, 143¼, from Palo Alto, leveled Valdez Hubbard, 144, Los Angeles, at 2:31 of the fifth. Julien looked impressive, pushing his record to 4-0.

In a scheduled 10-rounder, Glen Corbus, 150, San Jose, blastout Ramon Sanchez, 153, from Los Angeles, at 1:45 of the 1st. Corbus is now 10-1 and improving. Sanchez offered nothing, his record falling to 10-5.

▲SAN CARLOS—Circle Star Theatre—Middleweight Johnny Nava came up with the best win of his young career, winning a convincing 10-round decision over experienced Rocky Lee Burkey of Reno in the feature bout at Circle Star Theater. It was hoped to be a stern test for the 21-year-old Nava from Pacifica, but he was in control from the opening bell, hitting his flatfooted opponent with repeated combinations to the face and body in every round.

Burkey, 165, was knocked to the canvas in the 6th round after taking three solid hits on the face. Burkey took an 8-count and soon afterwards found himself trapped in a corner, but Nava was over-anxious, and he failed to finish off the 26-year old Burkey.

Though the main-event was something of a rout, Nava made it worthwhile for his fans, pushing his record to 15-0-1 and looking much improved in the process. Burkey never took a backward step, he worked hard, but the only points he scored came from referee Jack Campbell taking away three rounds from Nava, 164, for low blows, which were obvious, but not at all intentional or flagrant.

The card was promoted by Mike Collins, and 1,038 customers paid close to $9,500, with ticket prices ranging from $4, $6, $8, $10, $12, and $15 for ringside. Nava, managed by shrewd Bill Rivette, has fought for more than half a dozen promoters in his brief career, never settling into one venue on a regular basis. With a steady backing and a move up against better opposition, Nava could establish himself with a large following of fans.

In an 8-round preliminary, Manny Hernandez, 132, from Oakland, scored a unanimous decision over Alahandro Lopez, 130½, from Tijuana. His record now 12-0, eight by knockout, Hernandez did not look his best, failing to put out a little extra drive and end the fight early. Hernandez had many chances to take his opponent out, but even when Lopez was dazed against the ropes, suddenly Hernandez would back off and practice his foot-work.

In a five-rounder, Tommy Richardson, 148, stopped Guemaro Martinez, 147, Tijuana, at 2:04 of the second round.

Carl McCoy, 137½, from Oakland, was awarded a TKO victory over Vinnie Hines, 135, from San Jose, when Hines could not come out for the second round due to a cut over his right eye. The bout was scheduled for four rounds, and, despite the cut, McCoy seemed to be in charge.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

CONNECTICUT

▲HARTFORD—Civic Center Coliseum—Marlon (Magic Man) Starling, 149, Hartford, halted Sammy Rookard, 147, Spartanburg, South Carolina, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-rounder in support of the Hagler-Duran closed circuit telecast from Las Vegas.

Two standing eight counts and three knockdowns prior to a final assault led referee Lou Bogash to halt matters in the final moment of the fifth. Starling is now 30-1.

Judges—Sam Maltempo, Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.
Ring Announcer—Bob Steele.
Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein, M.D.
Attendance—4,025. Gross—$99,985.
(11-10-83)

▲HARTFORD—Civic Center Assembly Hall—Marlon Starling, 149, Hartford, knocked out southpaw Bob Graddy, 146, Savannah, Georgia, in 2:09 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

A butt threat and a low blow flush on the protector may have spurred a quicker dispatch for Graddy. Both infractions were openly chastised by referee Sam Maltempo. "He didn't mean it," Starling charitably said after the contest. A low slung left hook was the knockout punch.

Felix Nance, 142, Groton, outscored tough George Ruiz, 147, New Haven, in the eight-round semi-final.

Edgar Rodriguez, 129, Hartford, outscored Joe MacFarlane, 132, Lowell, Mass., six.

Robert Snipes, 144, Hartford, won a majority decision over Joey Solo, 147, Brooklyn, New York, four.

Marcel Santiago, 130, Springfield, Mass., halted Francisco Rodriguez, 132, Lowell, Mass., at 0:42 of the sixth round.

Khalif Shabazz, 158, Hartford, stopped James Levy, 161, Springfield, at 0:55 of the third.

Officials—Walter Longo, Sam Maltempo, Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper—Lou Dell.
Ring Announcer—Bob Steele.
Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein, M.D.
Promoter—The Magic Show.
Attendance—1,136. Gross—$16,300.
(11-26-83)

▲NOTES—Referee Lou Bogash is the son of the early 1920s welterweight contender of the same name. The elder Bogash fought the likes of Jack Britton, Jack Delaney, Tiger Flowers, and Tommy Loughran.

JOSEPH F. CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲FT. LAUDERDALE—War Memorial Auditorium—Keith Adams, 159, Ft. Lauderdale, kayoed Lonnie Wilcox, also 159, Gainsville, with a right uppercut to the solar plexcus in 0:36 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Adams is now 10-0-1.

Adolfo Medel, 136½, Sunrise, halted Alex Wilcox, 133, Gainsville, at 1:14 of the third round in their scheduled eight.

Junior Bethel, 146½, Miami, TKO'd Manny Vega, 141, Orlando, at 2:45 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Referee Bernie Soto stepped in after Vega had been floored.

Scott Wheaton, 190, Miami, knocked out Jim Coffer, 181½, Hollywood, in 1:44 of the second round in their scheduled six. Wheaton is now 7-0—all kayoes.

Wes Vickers, 162, Miami, and Sonny Jones, 158, Miami, drew, four.

John Savage, 149, Montreol, California, won a unanimous decision over Jesus Perez, 153, Colombia, four.

Anthony Daniels, 152, Orlando, won a split decision over Robert Doby, 148½, Gainsville, four.

Pugilistic Promotions.
Attendance—845.
(10-28-83)

▲FT. LAUDERDALE—War Memorial Auditorium—Adolfo Medel, 137, Sunrise, TKO'd southpaw Jo-Jo Virgil, 132½, Savannah, Georgia, at 2:47 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Bernie Soto, referee.

Ken Davis, 198, Ft. Myers, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Jones, 205, Miami, eight.

Dexter Bowman, 160, Miami, halted Robert Spencer, 155, Ft. Myers, at 2:49 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Referee Soto stopped the contest after Spencer had been decked four times.

Scott Wheaton, 192, Miami, stopped Prince Davis, 203, Miami. Davis, who had been floored in the first round, could not come out for the second.

John Burney, 165, Miami, kayoed Jerry Smith, 165, Miami, in 1:34 of the first round in a scheduled four.

George Kaufman, 155, Miami, TKO'd Jack Coley, 160, Miami, at 1:40 of the first round in their scheduled four. This was Kaufman's pro debut; he's a policeman.

Pugilistic Promotions.
Attendance—920.
(11-15-83)

▲MIAMI—Jai Alai Fronton—Sugar Baby Rojas, 114½, Colombia, TKO'd Norgi Castro, 116¼, Puerto Rico, who was unable to answer the bell for the eighth round of their scheduled 10.

William Machado, 147, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Willie Magee, 150, Miami, eight.

Floyd Wells, 158, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Raul Hernandez, 152¼, Cuba, six.

Jose Rivera, 135, Miami, kayoed Landy Quintero, 140, Miami, in 1:45 of the fifth round in their scheduled six.

Ray Estedes, 135, Miami, won a unanimous duke over Willie Watkins, 137, Miami, four.

Tuto Enterprises.
Attendance—1,200 (est.).
(11-26-83)

▲MIAMI—Jai Alai Fronton—Pedro Laza, 140½, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Miguel Folero, 139¼, Miami, 10.

Mario Miranda, 132, Miami, TKO'd Victor Fontanez, 133, at 2:59 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10.

Keith Stevenson, 136, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Ruben Herosme, 131, Miami, eight.

Gavilan Gonzalez, 135½, Miami, won a majority verdict over David de la Rosa, 129, Mexico, six.

Osvaldo Acevedo, 121, Miami, TKO'd Santiago Hermendeia, 123, Chile, at 2:28 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder.

Tuto Enterprises.
Attendance—920 (est.).
(12-02-83)

▲MIAMI—James L. Knight Convention Center—Clay Davis, 133, Jacksonville, won the Florida State lightweight title when defending champion Juan Arroyo, 134¼, Miami, was disqualified for repeated fouling at 0:50 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Eddie Eckart, referee. Arroyo, 18, is now 20-1-1.

Carlos Hernandez, 213, Cuba, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Jones, 216, Miami, eight.

Adolfo Medel, 138, Sunrise, won a majority verdict over Mauricio Rodriguez, 140¼, Tampa, eight. Medel is now 19-1.

Slobodan Kacar, 176, Yugoslavia, TKO'd Ricky Nelson, 176, Miami, at 1:22 of the third round in a scheduled six. Bill Conners, referee.

Scott Wheaton, 194, Miami, knocked out Joe Louis Bailey, 203, Miami, in 1:30 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Al Santana, 149, Bronx, kayoed Roosevelt Booth, 144¼, Miami, in 0:54 of the third round in another scheduled six.

George Kaufman, 158, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Leroy Moore, 156, Miami, four.

Alex Williamson, 216, Miami, scored a TKO at 1:20 of the second in another scheduled four-round contest. Bernie Soto, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Promoter—Walter Alvarez.
Attendance—1,400 (est.).
(12-08-83)

▲MIAMI—Jai Alai Fronton—Danny Sanchez, 142, Miami, won a convincing unanimous decision over former world junior welterweight champion Antonio (Kid Pambele) Cervantes, also 142, Colombia, 10. Sanchez is now 17-2.

Idabeth Rojas, 126, Colombia, halted Terry Kemp, 124, Miami, at 2:15 of the second round in their scheduled 10. Rojas is now 16-1.

Jose Rivera, 130, Miami, kayoed Kelly Mays, 131, Miami, in 2:17 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Aaron Adam, 175, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Luis Quintana, 176, Miami, four.

Jose Agulo, 140, Miami, TKO'd Glen Savage, 142, Miami, at 2:27 of the third round in their scheduled four.

Tuto Enterprises.
Attendance—1,000 (est.).
(12-09-83)

▲MIAMI—Jai Alai Fronton—Eduardo Prieto, 134½, Miami, won by a disqualification over Bernabe Martinez, 131½, Puerto Rico, at 2:54 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Juvenal Ordenes, 131, Chile, won a unanimous decision over Robert Rivera, 130, Puerto Rico, 10.

Cardinio Ulloa, 121, Chile, TKO'd Jose Ortiz, 115, Puerto Rico, at 1:01 of the first round in another scheduled 10.

Ron Cruces, 144¼, Chile, TKO'd Robert Ortiz, 138, Puerto Rico, at 1:35 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Luis Perez, 127, Miami, TKO'd Miguel Cardente, 124½, Miami, at 1:17 of the third round in the opening four.

Tuto Enterprises.
Attendance—1,000 (est.).
(12-10-83)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▲HONOLULU, OAHU—Blaisdell Arena—Mark Ibanez, 139¾, "The Waianae Knockout Machine," upped his record to 17-4 with a fourth round (1:39) TKO win over Manuel Mendoza, 137¾, Honolulu, in a scheduled 10 billed for the vacant Hawaiian State junior welterweight title. Mendoza, although tough and game, is really just a prelim kid, however, and it was evident to all that Ibanez is just about through as a fighter. His reflexes are totally shot and he has lost his wheels.

Mendoza is now 7-2-1.

Noe Ramirez, 153¾, Seattle, stole the show by stopping the once highly regarded Derrick Drane, 152¼, Honolulu, at 0:47 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10. Ramirez is now 12-3. Drane is 11-2. Abe Pacheco refereed.

Ralph Aviles, 132¾, Honolulu, kayoed washed up Jose Torres, 132½, Mexico, in 2:54 of the fourth round in another scheduled 10. A total disgrace; Torres was not even trying. The Mexican has now lost eight of his last 10 fights for an overall record of 31-15-1.

Up-and-coming Jesus Salud, 124, Waipahu, upped his log to 4-0 with a unanimous decision over Randy Dudoit, 125¾, Honolulu, six.

Hard punching Tongan Atelia Kaihea, 182½, TKO'd 37-year-

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Greg Page (Kentucky)
2. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
3. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
4. Mike Weaver (California)
5. Michael Dokes (Kentucky)
6. John Tate (Tennessee)
7. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
8. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
9. James Broad (New Jersey)
10. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Dwight Qawi (New Jersey)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
3. Eddie Davis (New York)
4. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
5. John Davis (New York)
6. Pete McIntyre (California)
7. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
8. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
9. Richie Kates (New Jersey)
10. James Salerno (Florida)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. James Kinchen (California)
2. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
3. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
4. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
5. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
6. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
7. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
8. Alex Ramos (New York)
9. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
10. Jeff Stoudemire (California)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Mike McCallum (New York)
3. David Braxton (Michigan)
4. Davey Moore (New York)
5. James Green (New Jersey)
6. Fred Hutchings (California)
7. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
8. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
9. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
10. Mario Maldonado (New Jersey)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
2. Milton Guest (New York)
3. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
4. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
5. Maurice Blocker (Washington, D.C.)
6. Pedro Vilella (New York)
7. Robert Rucker (New York)
8. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
9. Pablo Baez (California)
10. Lupe Aquino (California)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
2. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
3. Billy Costello (New York)
4. Saoul Mamby (New York)
5. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
6. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
7. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
8. Reyes Cruz (New Jersey)
9. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
10. Steve Hearon (Texas)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
2. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
3. Robin Blake (Texas)
4. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
5. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
6. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
7. Charlie Brown (New Jersey)
8. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
9. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
10. Charlie Brown (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Refugio Rojas (California)
4. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
6. Samuel Serrano (Puerto Rico)
7. Irving Mitchell (California)
8. Kelvin Lampkin (California)
9. Guy Villegas (Oregon)
10. Tyrone Jackson (New York)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Jose Caba (California)
5. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
6. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
7. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
8. Gerald Hayes (New Jersey)
9. Ruben Castillo (California)
10. Paul DeVorce (New York)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Mike Ayala (New York)
2. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
3. Oscar Muniz (California)
4. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
5. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
6. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)
7. Lenny Valdez (Nevada)
8. Pascual Aranda (Texas)
9. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
10. Carmelo Negron (New York)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Richard Sandoval (California)
4. Harold Petty (Texas)
5. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
6. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. James Manning (Oregon)
9. George Garcia (California)
10. Hurley Sneed (Michigan)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Mario Savala (California)
4. Willie Jensen (Nevada)
5. Alonso Gonzales (California)
6. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
7. Henry Brent (New York)
8. Cipriano Arreola (California)
9. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
10. Armando Laredo (Texas)

old Teddy Limoz, 178½, Honolulu, at 2:52 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Larry Benson, 134½, Honolulu, kayoed previously unbeaten Roosevelt (Flash) Gordon, 134¾, Waipahu, in 0:35 of the fifth round with a chopping right to the side of the head. This was the curtain raiser, scheduled for six.

Pacific International, Inc.

Promoters—Al Souza, Tad Kawamura.

Attendance—4,081. Gross—$35,104.

(11-22-83)

JOEL LIPSITT

INDIANA

▲TERRE HAUTE—Hulman Center—Three good live fights supported the closed circuit showing of the Hagler-Duran bout.

Mike Mungin, 150, Philadelphia, knocked out "Indian" Billy Evans, 156, Red Lake, Minnesota, in 1:50 of the second.

Jeff Hanna, 126, Terre Haute, won a split decision over John McIntosh, 125, Muncie, Indiana, six.

Ken Snider, 145, Decker, Indiana, made his pro debut by flooring Billy Doyle, 149, Omaha, Nebraska, twice enroute to a unanimous decision, four. Snider is a 37-year-old Indiana state senator who last fought as an amateur 11 years ago. He won several state titles as a simon pure.

Promoter—Fred Berns.

Matchmaker—Pete Susens.

(11-10-83)

GARY L. MERRITT

MAINE

▲PORTLAND—Cumberland County Civic Center—Robbie Simms scored an easy two-round kayo over Charlie Hecker in a scheduled 10-rounder. Hecker, New York, went down thrice.

Dick Eklund, Lowell, Mass., won a split decision over James (Cool Hand) Lucas, Lowell, in a 12-round bout billed for the New England welterweight title.

Danny Melendez, Portland, Maine, TKO'd Dave Morin, Standish, Maine, in two, lightweights.

Mike O'Han, Brockton, Mass., knocked out Popeye Quiron, Waterville, Maine, in the first round of a light heavyweight mismatch.

Cheryl Brown, Waterville, outscored Lori Holt, Oakland, Maine, in a six-round women's contest.

Attendance—2,000.

(10-25-83)

JONATHAN M. PIPER

MICHIGAN

▲OAK PARK—Sheraton-Southfield Ballroom—The second in a series of monthly cards put on by Motor City Professional Boxing turned out to be even more successful than the first.

Alvin (Too Sweet) Hayes, 134, Detroit, TKO'd Andrew Rodriguez, 132, Harlingen, Texas, in a scheduled 10-rounder. Hayes' big right hand dropped Rodriguez once in the first round and twice in the second before referee Dale Grable stopped the contest at 2:17 of the latter session. The 6'1" Hayes is now 21-0.

NABF light heavyweight champion Willie (Sandman) Edwards, 180, Detroit, halted Darnell Hayes, also 180, Columbus, Ohio, at the end of the sixth round in their scheduled 10. Sam Williams, referee. Edwards, who looked a little rusty, is now 16-1.

Kronk's Tony Anthony, 219, won the Michigan State heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Ali Haakim, 233, Detroit, 10. The scores were 98-92, 97-92, and 98-91. Anthony is now 16-1. Haakim, formerly with Kronk, is 14-2.

"Irish" Brett Lally, 145, Westland, Michigan, TKO'd Greg Netter, 140½, Columbus, at 2:52 of the seventh. (Seven days after absorbing this terrible beating, Netter showed up on a nationally televised USA card in Tampa, Florida with Bill Douglas, who also cornered him in Oak Park, as one of his seconds. Florida does not have a state commission, and Michigan, under its present rules, has no authority to hand out suspensions. One can only hope that someone takes some action before Netter is turned into a pork chop.) Lally is now 13-2.

Bill Lee, 166, Detroit, TKO'd Jimmy Hord, 158½, Columbus, at 2:50 of round two. Hord was down twice in the first and twice more in the second. Lee is now 4-1.

Eric Curry, 174½, blasted out pathetic Nekoda Leftenant, 166½, Columbus, at 1:30 of the first. Curry is now 3-1.

Referees—Dale Grable, Sam Williams.

Judges—Rose Grable, Irving Saxs, Ken Offett.

Motor City Professional Boxing.

Matchmaker—Ross Barber.

Attendance—900 (estimated).

(10-28-83)

▲KALAMAZOO—Wing Stadium—Henry Grooms had a fine turn-out for this eight-bout card, held on the campus of Western Michigan University.

Dale Jackson, 164, Chicago, knocked out Jerald Boulder, also 164, Cleveland, in the fourth frame of the scheduled 10-round main event.

Muskegon southpaw Ralph Twining, 145½, TKO'd Adrian Green, 149, Chicago, in the fifth round. The hard hitting Twining is now 24-7.

Brian Sumner, 147, Jackson, Mich., halted William Bowling, 144, Cleveland, in the first round. Sumner, one of the best looking talents from western Michigan in years, is now 4-0 as a professional.

K.P. Porter, Battle Creek, won a unanimous decision over Lawrence Robertson, 208, Chicago, six. Porter is now 2-0-1.

Ken Wright, 174, Battle Creek, won a unanimous verdict over Earl (The Pearl) Fields, 174½, Cleveland, four. Wright is now 2-1.

Theodis Liggion, 167, Kalamazoo, improved his log to 2-1 by knocking out Carnell Beck, 171, Chicago, in their scheduled four-rounder.

Martin Rivera, 142½, Kalamazoo, outpointed Danny Akers, 147, four rounds, for his second straight pro win.

Robert De Anda, 129, Kalamazoo, outscored William Collins, also 129, Cleveland, four. De Anda is now 2-0.

Professional Sports Management.

Promoter—Henry Grooms.

Referees—Max Harnish, Len Hutchins.

Judges—Sid Shank, Francis Block, Ralph Carney.

Timekeeper—Tony Russo.

Ring Announcer—Jim Ingram.

Attendance—1,500 (estimated).

Former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali was at ringside.

(10-28-83)

▲RUSSELLVILLE—Russellville Ballroom—Charles Arnold (Arnie) Wells, 143, Davison, Michigan, halted Pete Podgorski, also 143, Chicago, in the second round of the main event. Wells is now 15-3.

Dave (East Side) Guerra, 137, Flint, stopped Willie McIntosh, 132, Grand Rapids, in the eighth and final round. Guerra is now 3-3.

Bobby (Rico) Hoye, 168½, Detroit, nailed Benny Mitchell, 166½, Columbus, with a big right hand for a TKO at 0:33 of the fifth round. Hoye, who was making his first appearance since 1980, is now 20-3-1.

Michigan State junior welterweight champion Jerome Kinney, 140, Detroit, knocked down James (Lester) Fells, 139, Columbus, three times in the second for an automatic TKO at 1:36 of the round. Fells was also decked in the first inning.

D.J. Benidict, 227, Grand Rapids, made his pro debut by stopping Raymond Bridges, 222, Flint, Michigan, at 1:55 of the second round. Bridges was down twice.

Calvin (Ironman) Sims, 176, Flint, made it 3-0 outscoring Jeff (Spiderman) Curry, 182½, Detroit, four. Curry was making his pro debut.

Eric (The Whip) Curry, 177½, Jeff's brother, moved to 4-1 by knocking out Leonard Brandon, 186, Flint, in 1:45 of the second. Brandon is now 1-7.

Frank Perez, 165, Grand Rapids, made his pro debut with an upset split duke over Rick Kimball, 156, Burton, four. Burton is now 1-1.

Billy Lee, 166½, Detroit, kayoed Nekoda Leftenant, 165½, Columbus, in 1:22 of the first round in the opener. Lee is now 6-1.

Judges—George Young, Rose Grable, Al Vermette.

Timekeeper—John Cmach.

D Ring Promotions.

Attendance—600 (estimated).

(11-23-83)

▲OAK PARK—Sheraton—Southfield Ballroom—Former WBA lightweight champion Hilmer Kenty, 139, Southfield, Michigan, pounded out a hard fought verdict over gusty Kevin Austin, 140, Milwaukee, 10. Kenty is now 25-2.

Alex (Birdman) Byrd, 135, Detroit, stopped Tony Rutledge, 134, Columbus, at 1:24 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Byrd is now 16-1.

"Irish" Brett Lally, 143, Westland, Michigan, made it 14-2 when referee Bob Watson stopped his contest with Charles Triplett, 138, Columbus, between innings three and four.

Light punching Carlos Santana, 137, Detroit, stopped Paul Rutledge, 134, Columbus, at 1:07 of round seven.

Kronk featherweight J.L. Ivey moved to 7-1 by outpointing Sylvester Price, 129, Muncie, Indiana, eight.

Sam (Bang Bang) Bonadonna, 165, Windsor, Ontario, TKO'd Darrell Green, 160, Columbus, in their scheduled six-rounder. Bonadonna is now 7-2.

Four-rounders: Billy Lee, 165, Detroit, TKO'd Tim Huston, 160, Columbus, at 2:19 of the second with three knockdowns. Kirk Harris, 120, Detroit, went to 3-1 by outpointing debutant Al Barnett, 117, Youngstown, Ohio. Shawn Thomas, 129, Detroit, stayed undefeated by outscoring Chico Rodriguez, 134, Youngstown. Treadwell Cortez, 137, Detroit, halted fellow debutant Stephen Parratt, 134, Columbus, at 1:20 of the first.

Referees—Tom Briscoe, Bob Watson.

Judges—Bernie Humphrey, Randy Ericson, Nate McAlpin.

Timekeeper—William Hunter.

Ring Announcer—Jim Ingram.

Motor City Professional Boxing.

Matchmaker—Ross Barber.

(11-30-83)

DAVE HARTOON

MISSOURI

▲ST. JOSEPH—Civic Arena—James (The Heat) Kinchen, 162, San Diego, ran his record to 31-0-1 with 23 kayoes by winning an upset decision over Murray Sutherland, 161½, Bay City, Michigan, 10.

Sutherland is now 41-9-2 with 34 knockouts.

Charlie (Hollywood) Henderson, 175¾, Kansas City, outpointed Dale Grant, also 175¾, Portland, Oregon, 10. Henderson is now 16-2 with 11 knockouts. Grant is 23-9-2 with 13 kayoes.

"Sweet" Irving Mitchell, 126, San Diego, TKO'd substitute Ray Garza, 126¾, Harlingen, Texas, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10. Mitchell is now 22-1 with 13 kayoes. Garza is 19-10 with nine knockouts.

Ricky Wallace, 127½, Milwaukee, outpointed Ernie Johnson, 126, San Diego, 10. Johnson is now 14-0 with eight kayoes. Wallace is 15-5-2 with nine knockouts.

John Moore, 157, Kansas City, TKO'd "Irish" Joe Reilly, 160, Bay City, Michigan, in the third round of a scheduled eight. Moore is now 5-2-1. Reilly is 10-2.

Allen Gay, 136½, Wichita, Kansas, made his pro debut by knocking out fellow debutant John Herron, Kansas City, in the fourth and final session.

Don Duncan, 147, Trenton, Missouri, outpointed John Mendez, 145, Wichita, Kansas, four. Duncan is now 3-1. Mendez is 1-2-1.

Don King Productions.

(11-19-83)

NEVADA

▲LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel—Jackie Beard, 125¼, Detroit, retained his North American Boxing Federation

featherweight title with a unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Paul DeVorce, 123, Yonkers, New York, 12.

DeVorce was most effective when he got off first, but he did not do that very often. Lefts to the head hurt Paul in both the sixth and seventh rounds.

Scoring: judges Dave Moretti and Chuck Minker, 115-113; Texas judge Steve Crosson, 118-110. Beard is now 19-1 with 12 kayoes. DeVorce is 21-1 with 11 knockouts.

Duane Thomas, 153¾, Detroit, retained his USBA junior middleweight title by halting Donald King, 151¾, Indianapolis, at 2:21 of the 10th round in their scheduled 12.

King was cut on the outside corner of the right eye in the fourth and hit with 31 consecutive punches before referee Joey Curtis stopped the bout.

Thomas is now 20-1 with 13 knockouts.

Juan (Kid) Meza, 123¾, Hawthorne, Calif., won a unanimous decision over Javier Barajas, 120, Tucson, Arizona, 10. Meza is now 40-6 with 33 knockouts. Barajas is 16-8 with eight kayoes.

Milton Guest, 146½, Yonkers, New York, kayoed Jose Luis Gonzales, 151¾, Los Angeles, in 1:46 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Guest is now 17-1 with 15 knockouts. Gonzales is 13-7-2 with five kayoes.

Odell Hadley, Jr., 161, Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Charles Carter, 160, Seattle, 10. Hadley is now 15-2-1 with nine kayoes. Carter is 14-3 with nine knockouts.

Don King Productions. ESPN.

(11-19-83)

JIM HUNTER

NEW JERSEY

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l—Buster Drayton's dream of redemption turned nightmare, as he was outpointed a second time by Mario Maldonado, via close split call, 10. Mario beat Drayton three years ago, but Buster felt rejuvenated under the Petronellis. Retread was more like it, as he can't seem to sheke the sparring partner syndrome, posing and coasting when he should be taking control. The bout had action, but lacked style and pattern. Just a mad scramble, fought mostly at close quarters. The stronger Drayton, 156¼, Phila., appeared to be taking command in the middle rounds, chasing a tiring Maldonaldo into the ropes. But Mario, 158, Vineland, always managed to fight free, then caught a second wind which culminated with Drayton in trouble in a climactic final round. Judge Richard F. Murry voted 5-4-1, Drayton, while Carol Castellano and William Kostrub tabbed for Mario, 5-4-1 and 6-4, respectively. Larry Hazzard refereed. At ringside, Marvin Hagler cheered unabashed for his sparring partner (Drayton) and brother (Sims), probably aware he had no one to fear on this card.

In the co-feature, nice guy Teddy Mann had his comeback win streak stopped at one when he dropped a split decision to Robbie Sims in an all-action 10. Sims, 159¾, Brockton, was hungry after three straight tough losses in A.C. For awhile, it looked like number four, as Mann, 160¼, Forked River, surprised Robbie with two knockdowns in the first. But once Sims learned to work the jab and avoid Teddy's right counter, the southpaw went on to dominate with quicker hands and sharper boxing. Mann unloaded an occasional bomb to keep it exciting, but it was Sims' fight, despite the split call. Murry voted 5-4-1, Mann, but the others both scored 7-3, Sims. Vinnie Rainone refereed. With his usual candor, Teddy admitted, "I think I lost it, but maybe they'll give me a couple more fights and then give me a rematch with Sims."

Touted Jose Ribalta, 207, now out of Passaic, struggled to win a unanimous decision over Robbie Evans, 209¾, Jersey City, eight. Ref, Hazzard.

Southpaw Danny Avery, 136, Brockton, appeared unlucky to get only a draw against Kenny Willis, 134¾, New York, in a wild six. Ref, Rainone.

Zoilo Carmona, 152½, New York, upset debuting Bernard Cooks, 155, New York, by unanimous decision, four. Ref Rainone.

Top Rank, Inc.

Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.

Attendance—850. Gross—$10,000 (est.).

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(09-01-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—A no-main-event card of eight rounders was topped by the invasion of Canadian Donny Poole, who hammered out a unanimous win over Tom Moody. The stocky Poole, 146¾, Toronto, showed a nice bob and weave, plus plenty of aggression, to swarm all over boxer Moody, 145¼, Columbus, Ohio. The bout was close until Moody was rocked in the sixth, then dropped by a left hook in the seventh. Commissioner Jersey Joe Walcott gave his trademark canvas-pounding signal to stop the bout ("What the hell was that?", Poole queried later), but ref Paul Venti didn't hear it and allowed Moody to finish. Donny intens to divide his time between Canada, where he's pursuing a shot at Commonwealth champion Colin Jones, and the Jersey shore, where he was a big hit this night.

Slick boxer Clinton Barnes, 196½, Phila., was rocked by puncher Frankie Payne, 195½, Braddock, Pa., in the first and last, but, in between, kept a paintbrush jab going to score a unanimous win. Venti refereed.

Prospect James McGirt, 141 Jersey City, impressed, destroying Leslie Toney, 138¾, Youngstown, by a two-knockdown TKO at 2:35 of the first. Ref, Venti.

Len Villers, 160½, Warren, Ohio, survived a late rally by Dave Todt, 161½, Waldorf, Md., to win a split decision in an otherwise dull bout. Tony Orlando refereed.

Carl Riskus, 151½, Pittsburgh, battered Robert Jackson, 152¾, Hampton, Va., who was down in the second and fifth and finally quit at 1:55 of the seventh. Ref, Orlando.

In the only preliminary, Luis Gonzalez, 109½, Bronx, beat Otis Graves, 115¼, Hampton, by unanimous verdict, four. Ref Orlando.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.

NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION (AS OF DECEMBER 12, 1983)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
4. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
5. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
6. Trevor Berbick (Nova Scotia)
7. Jeff Sims (Florida)
8. Mitchell Green (New York)
9. John Tate (Tennessee)
10. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
11. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
12. Eddie Lopez (California)
13. James Broad (New Jersey)
14. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
15. James (Quick) Tillis (Illinois)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Leon Spinks (Missouri)
USBA Champion
Marvin Camel (Montana)
1. Randy Stephens (Ohio)
2. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
3. Anthony Davis (California)
4. Richie Kates (New Jersey)
5. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
6. Henry Hearns (California)
7. Bashiru Ali (California)
8. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
9. S.T. Gordon (Nevada)
10. Jesse Burnett (California)
11. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
12. Elijah Tillery (New York)
13. Vic Valentino (New Jersey)
14. Tony Green (Florida)
15. Michael Greer (Tennessee)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Willie Edwards (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Eddie Davis (New York)
1. Dwight Braxton (New Jersey)
2. Pete McIntyre (California)
3. John Davis (New York)
4. Charles Singleton (Pennsylvania)
5. Roddie MacDonald (Ontario)
6. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
7. Pablo Pizzaro (New York)
8. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
9. Eric Winbush (New York)
10. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
11. Euclides Valdez (New York)
12. Dale Grant (Oregon)
13. Leon Taylor (New York)
14. James Salerno (Florida)
15. Mike Rossman (New Jersey)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Wilford Scypion (Texas)
1. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
2. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
3. James Kinchen (California)
4. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
5. John Collins (Illinois)
6. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
7. J.B. Williamson (California)
8. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
9. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
10. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
11. Alex Hilton (Quebec)
12. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
13. Alex Ramos (New York)
14. Doug DeWitt (New York)
15. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Mike McCallum (New York)
2. James Green (New Jersey)
3. Fred Hutchings (California)
4. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
5. Mario Maldonado (New Jersey)
6. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
7. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
8. Davey Moore (New York)
9. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
10. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
11. Don King (Indiana)
12. Mardo Royball (California)
13. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
14. Larry Martin (Kansas)
15. Calvin Porter (Pennsylvania)

WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
USBA Champion
Marlon Starling
1. Milton Guest (New York)
2. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
3. Mario Cusson (Quebec)
4. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
5. Floyd Mayweather (Michigan)
6. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
7. Pedro Villela (New York)
8. Dave Hilton (Quebec)
9. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
10. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
11. Lanny Edmond (Michigan)
12. Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
13. Robert Rucker (New York)
14. Lupe Aquino (Mexico)
15. Cisco Ortega (Mexico)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
USBA Champion
Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
1. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
2. Howard Davis (New York)
3. Billy Costello (New York)
4. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
5. Harry Arroyo (Texas)
6. Saoul Mamby (New York)
7. Steve Hearon (Texas)
8. Reyes Cruz (New Jersey)
9. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
10. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
11. Joe Manley (New Jersey)
12. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
13. Freddie Reyes (Pennsylvania)
14. Pat Jefferson (Oregon)
15. Frankie Davis (Nevada)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
USBA Champion
Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
1. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
2. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
3. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania
4. Robin Blake (Texas)
5. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
6. Julio Chavez (Mexico)
7. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
8. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
9. Steve Romero (California)
10. Nick Furlano (Ontario)
11. John Montes (California)
12. Sergio Medina (Mexico)
13. Arturo Frias (California)
14. Gaetan Hart (Quebec)
15. Tony Baltazar (California)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Championship
Vacant
USBA Champion
Regugio Rojas (California)
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Rolando Navarette (Hawaii)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
5. Frankie Baltazar (California)
6. Tony Santana (New York)
7. Margarito Marquez (Texas)
8. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
9. Guy Villegas (Oregon)
10. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
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13. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
14. Rafael (Bazooka) Limon (Mexico)
15. Freddie Roach (Nevada)

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4. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
5. Ruben Castillo (California)
6. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
7. Paul DeVorce (New York)
8. Irving Mitchell (California)
9. Jorge (Rocky) Garcia (Calif.)
10. Tony Salvatore (Quebec)
11. Gerald Hayes (New Jersey)
12. Steve Cruz (Texas)
13. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
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Vacant
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2. Antonio de las Paz (Mexico)
3. Ricardo Varella (California)
4. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)
5. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
6. Martin Castro (Mexico)
7. Joaquin Acuna (Mexico)
8. Carmelo Negron (New York)
9. Celso Munoz (Mexico)
10. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
11. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
12. Hector Cortez (New York)
13. Roberto Rubladino (Mexico)
14. Juan Veloz (New York)
15. Pascual Arranda (Texas)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
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Gaby Canizales (Texas)
1. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
2. Richard Sandoval (California)
3. Oscar Muniz (California)
4. Hurley Sneed (Michigan)
5. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
6. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
7. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
8. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
9. James Manning (Oregon)
10. James Pipps (Texas)
11. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
12. George Garcia (California)
13. Rodolfo Martinez (Mexico)
14. Wayne Lynum (Illinois)
15. Sergio Castro (California)

FLYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Candido Tellez (Mexico)
USBA Champion
Joey Olivo (California)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Eleoncio Mercedes (Mexico)
3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Mario Savalla (California)
6. Gustavos Espadas (Mexico)
7. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
8. Ian Clyde (Ontario)
9. Mario Gonzales (Mexico)
10. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
11. Jose Gallegos (Mexico)
12. Ernesto Guevara (Mexico)
13. Armando Cordova (Mexico)
14. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
15. Raul Valdez (Mexico)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Joey Olivo
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
4. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
5. Luis Hernandez (Mexico)
6. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
7. Aaron Garcia (Mexico)
8. Javier Davila (Mexico)
9. Candelario Carmona (Mexico)
10. Fili Gonzalez (Mexico)
11. Pedro Rabago (Mexico)
12. Baby Luis (Mexico)
13. Ricardo Sosa (Mexico)
14. Juan Manuel Rios (Mexico)
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Attendance—900 (est.).
Judges—Duane Bobick, Milo Savage, Ernie Durando, Robert Kimbrough.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-06-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Veteran trialhorse Gerald Hayes, 124, E. Orange, turned spoiler, putting the skids under the comeback of former sparring partner Carmelo Negron, 123¾, Brooklyn. The see-saw battle pitted Hayes' slick counter punching against Negron's scorching body attack. Gerald's counters sliced Negron's left eye in the fourth, while Carmelo's rib shots had Hayes fading in the sixth. At this point, Negron appeared to be turning the bout. But when Hayes slashed open his other eye in the eighth, it was more than Negron could shrug off. With an additional scalp cut (allegedly from an accidental bite), Carmelo looked like King Crimson, as he took a fierce pounding the final few rounds. Lawrence Wallace and Ernie Durando both had it 5-4-1, and Frank Cappucino 8-2—unanimous for Hayes. Tony Perez refereed. The wide-open Negron might want to reconsider his career, as he is a sucker for a right, and pays too big a price even in victory.

Sleeper Greg Richardson, 115½, Youngstown, turned in a nifty performance, outboxing tough Felix Marquez, 114, Hamden, Conn., by unanimous decision, eight. Referee was Ted (Ice) Pick.

Myron Taylor, 126½, Phila., belabored totally shot Tim Daniels, 130½, Trenton, until ref Perez called it over at 1:15 of the fourth in their scheduled eight.

"Rubber Band" Fred Brown, 149, Newark, showed surprise punching power to drop and kayo Joe Williams, 147½, Camden, in 0:31 of the fourth of six. Ref, Pick.

Southpaw Pablo Rivera, 142½, Bronx, scored a knockdown in the third to take a unanimous win over Terry "Slim" McCoy, 145, Trenton, in a wild and undisciplined four. Ref, Perez.

Darrell Jacobs, 128, Yorktown, Va., and Johnny Lowe, 124, Dayton via Vineland, struggled to a draw, four. Ref, Pick.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1200 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-27-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Efrain Nieves, who's been laboring in obscurity, hoped to advance under trainer Butch Christelli and "adviser" Ron Katz. But this time he failed to elecytrify, grinding out a dreary unanimous decision over Ricky Wallace, 10. The loser, 130¼, Youngstown, looked like he was merely trying to survive in the early rounds. But when Nieves, 129¼, Milwaukee, failed to take him out, he gained confidence and managed to shut down the southpaw's side-to-side boxing with a swarming attack. The two pounded away in a sloppy inside fight until Ricky wilted in the late rounds. Judge Frank Cairo scored it a shutout, while Joe O'Neil and Harold Lederman voted 8-2. Paul Venti refereed.

Classy lefthander David Grayton, 130½, Washington, D.C., boxed rings around stubborn Greg Washington, 132, Elizabeth, until he got tired hitting him. Greg rallied in the stretch, but Grayton picked up the unanimous win, six. Ref, Tony Orlando.

Marshall Brandon, 159½, Youngstown, impressed after an absence, destroying Edwin Newby, 160¼, Atlantic City, who was dropped for the count in 2:30 of the first, scheduled six. Ref, Venti.

Lefty Derrick Hardy, 177½, Vineland, overwhelmed Bud Becker, 175¼, Wilmington, for a TKO at 0:25 of the second in a scheduled four. No knockdowns. Ref, Orlando.

Fast-growing Andre Sherfield, announced as 170, Philadelphia, TKO'd Tee Carpenter, 180, Trenton, on his feet at 2:06 of the fourth and final round. Ref, Orlando.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1000 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-04-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l—With Sugarman Cooper's carer in limbo after he allegedly went jewelry shopping in a closed store, ESPN decided to vacate his middleweight crown. Choosing a successor must have proven unsettling, as their diadem didn't seem too prized by the candidates. Mario Maldonado, Mark McPherson, and Leroy Hester all turned it down before Tampa veteran Bruce Hohnson agreed to face Camden's rising Mike Tinley. Now under Dwight Braxton's trainer, Wes Mouzon, Tinley, 159½, showed some nice slipping and blocking, and claimed an injured right hand kept him from kayoing his opponent. Johnson, 160, did enough to keep it interesting, but was generally dominated in the brisk 12-rounder. The scores, all for Tinley: Carol Castellano and Larry Hazzard, both 11-1; Thomas Kaczmarek, 10-1-1. Joe Cortez refereed.

Harry Arroyo, 135, Youngstown, returned from a West Coast swing to TKO Steve Hilyard, 134½, Brockton, not out for the sixth of their scheduled 10. Hilyard boxed nicely, but lacked the power to keep Harry honest and couldn't avoid the right hand bomb. He was repeatedly in trouble, and down in the fifth. Zack Clayton refereed.

Highly-touted Mike Garrahan, 223½, Huntington, Long Island, New York, was upset, dropping a split call to Ricardo Peterson, 222½, Philadelphia, six. In rugged infighting, Peterson showed a knack for slipping, Garrahan didn't, and that made the difference in a good bout. Ref, Zack.

Steven Floch, 235½, Staten Island, dropped and TKO'd Art Artwell, 217¼, Chester, Pa., at 1:32 of the first in a scheduled six. Ref, Cortez.

Mike (Machine Gun) Mungin, 141¼, Mt. Royal, N.J., took a majority decision from William (Sugar) Hill, 143, Passaic, in a good four. Mike is the latest find of South Jersey sausage king Bob Botto. Ref, Clayton.

Andre Harrell, 154¼, Balto., beat a too-tense Brad Keaton, 150, Camden, by unanimous call, four. Both in their debuts. Ref Cortez.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—600 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(10-06-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Unbeaten Chicago hotshot Lee Roy Murphy made his East Coast debut, but didn't quite live up to his advance. A fearsome puncher, with 14 kayos in 15 bouts, Lee Roy dropped Pittsburgh's durable Frankie Payne in the first, but then had to labor 10 tough rounds to a unanimous win. Frankie had Murphy hurt on the ropes in an exciting fifth, but Lee Roy fought free and staggered Payne with a left hook counter. The two then seemed wary of each other, as the action slowed until the Chicagoan mounted a punishing finish that had Payne hanging on in the last two. Paul Venti refereed.

Lee Roy blamed his move into the less-competitive cruisers (at 189¾ to Payne's 193¼) for slowing his attack. "When I'm at 175, I have a lot more speed," he alibied. The winner's biggest problem was his lack of "killer instinct" and failure to put punches together. "A couple times, he had this guy hurt and just looked at him," said manager Jim Strickland.

In the co-feature 10, Nino Gonzalez attempted to revive his career with a TKO over stringbean Len Villers. Nino, 154, Bayonne, looked a bit rusty, and struggled in the early rounds. But once Villers, 157, Youngstown, started getting tagged with a straight right over his dropped left, he faded fast. After being battered in the fourth, Villers was down in the fifth and rescued on the ropes by ref Larry Hazzard at 2:47.

A third 10 had Jeff Sims, 214, Belle Glade, Florida, via Yonkers, scoring an uncontested TKO over Benjamin Griffin (a/k/a Rahim Muhammad), 195¼, La. Griffin was dropped by a booming left hook, then sagged on the ropes until halted by Venti at 2:13 of the first. Ben protested, but he had barely thrown a punch.

Gary Gibson, 143½, Hilcrest Heights, Md., dropped and TKO'd a punched-out Pete Podgorski, 146¾, Chicago, at 0:48 of the fourth in a wild scheduled eight. Ref, Hazzard.

David Grayton, 131, Washington, D.C., won a majority decision over Darryl Graham, 127½, Buffalo, six. Ref, Venti.

Duke McKenzie, 114, London, TKO'd an overmatched Jerry Davis, 117¾, Zanesville, Ohio, at 2:41 of the second of six, no knockdowns. Ref, Hazzard.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas, and Cedric Kushner Productions.
Attendance—1200 (est.).
Judges—Eva Shain, Wm. Kostrub, Vincent Rainone.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-18-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Normally an off-TV weeknight club format, this promotion broke into the ESPN Saturday night special series, but not without some birth pains. When Wilfred Benitez pulled out against Mario Maldonado, in came little known West Coaster Mardo Roybal, who made up in action what he lacked in name. The fireplug Indian, 157¼, Vallejo, Calif., swarmed Maldonado, 156¼, Vineland, for 10 furious rounds, and no one knew who won until the smoke cleared. Roybal shook off everything Mario could throw at his charges, then would pin Maldonado on the ropes and wail to the body. To his credit, Mario seemed comfortable in this unenviable position, caught many shots on his elbows, and punched off the ropes expertly. More importantly, he never wilted, actually winning the bout on the officials' cards in the climactic final round., Harold Lederman voted 5-4-1, and Frank Brunette 6-4, for Mario, while Thomas Kaczmarek had it 5-5. Vinnie Rainone refereed.

The "Bronze Adonis," as Mario's been dubbed, has frequently used his physique more on the ladies than his opponents, but he's now trumpeting a new resolve.

Hot prospect Maurice Blocker had to fight for his life to win a unanimous decision over sleeper Earnest Jackson, 10. Blocker, 149, Washington, D.C., showed his wares in the early going, but his best shots didn't seem to phase Jackson, 149, Philadelphia. Earnest turned the tide in the seventh and pounded Blocker down the stretch, but his rally came too late. Joe Cortez refereed.

Another British import, southpaw Nick Wilshire, 156, Bristol, England, battered game Danny Chapman, 157, Troy, New York, ref Rainone rescuing him at 1:30 of the fourth in a scheduled 10. The matinee-idol blond looks the picture of a British gentleman out of the ring, but is a no-quarters brawler—flooring Chapman in the first and rocking him every round.

Wilfredo Vasquez, 121, Bayamon, P.R. knocked Ramon Cruz, 122½, Yabucoa, P.R., stiff with a devastating left hook in 2:13 of the first of another scheduled 10. Cortez reffed.

Mike Croley, 192, Lewisburg, Ohio, via Vineland, was given an undeserved majority decision over Michael Boxdale, 194, Washington, D.C., in a brawling four. A draw would have been appropriate. Ref, Rainone.

James Stills, 183, Phila., beat Jack Johnson, 177, D.C., via unanimous verdict, four. Ref, Cortez.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—800 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-22-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel & Casino—Bobby Czyz scored his second easy win since returning from the Hamsho loss and hand surgery. The victim this time was hapless Bill Medei, really only a "local hero" club type whose only previous venture into the "big time" was a one-round destruction at the hands of Doug DeWitt. If this was meant to be a tuneup, it was more like target practice. Czyz, 163¾, Wanaque, showed a good jab and sharp combinations, but the overmatched Medei, 157, Miami, was right there to be hit. Bill relies on drive and condition, but, above the club level, that's not enough. After a relentless pounding in the fourth round of the scheduled 10, manager Murray Gaby scaled the apron and signaled ref Ted Pick to halt the smear at 2:04.

In the companion 10, Mike McCallum, 156½, Valley Stream, Long Island, New York, probably got more than he'd expected from tough but going-nowhere Manuel (Yuca) Jiminez, 154¾, Trujillo Alto, P.R. The Jamaican gentleman tattooed Yuca round after round, but disdained going for the jugular. It nearly cost him. Mike relaxed in the seventh and was surprised by a right haymaker that had his knees going in various directions. To his credit, McCallum boxed out of it well, but, when he tried to pay Jimenez back in the last two, Yuca was too fired up to fold. Mike had to settle for a unanimous, though slightly tainted, win. Tony Perez refereed.

Jose Ribalta, 206, Las Villas, Cuba, via Passaic, showed improvement, battering Ishaq Hussein, 203¾, a globetrotter now settled in Newark, into a TKO at 1:08 of the sixth and final round. Ref, Pick.

Joe Risoli, 209¼, Middlesex, N.J., survived a rocky final round to again edge Deacon Brooks, 188, Irvington, via split decision, six. Ref, Perez.

Jorge Anparo, 159, Paterson, TKO'd Ismael Gonzalez, 168¾, Trenton, not out for the third of a scheduled four. Ref, Perez.

Mariano DeJesus, 127¾, W. Paterson, took a unanimous decision over Vegron Hill, 126, Trenton, four. Ref, Pick.

Promoter/matchmaker—Dan Duva (Main Event Productions).
Attendance—400 (est.).
Judges—Carol Castellano, John Stewart, Paul Venti.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-25-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—Time was when Philly showdowns were fought with the intensity of world title bouts before packed-house crowds who'd waited years. Russell Peltz engineered quite a few. But that was before A.C. and "studio boxing," which saw Richie Kates and Jerry (The Bull) Martin joust with all the intensity of two old friends meeting outside the candy store. Indeed, they were! Old sparmates, they professed mutual good will going in. "Kates was one of my heroes, and you don't mess up your heroes," confessed Martin. "I know Jerry real well," Kates admitted. "I like him."

So it seemed. Jerry lunged with infrequent bombs, but spent more time making like a jackrabbit than a bull. Richie countered his charges smartly, but did little else to break the non-aggression pact. Kates finally began to show some command in the seventh and eighth, as Martin seemed to tire. But Jerry revived and actually stunned Kates in the 10th, the only action round in the bout. This led the fans, and Jerry, to think he'd won, with judge Lawrence Wallace agreeing, 5-3-2. But Harold Lederman (5-4-1) and Richard F. Murry (6-3-1) awarded the split verdict to Kates. A "no-contest" would have been more appropriate. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Oldie Floyd Mayweather, in his second coming, moved into contention with a strong win over Calvin (Pop) Porter in a scheduled 10. Floyd, 148, Grand Rapids, showed a slick defense and rapid combination punching—punctuated by karate yells—to wear down Porter, 146¾, Philadelphia, in a rugged in-fight. Calvin was dropped twice in the eighth for a TKO at 2:43. (Floyd explained the yells help him "think through" his punches, in board-breaking fashion, reducing the damage to his fragile hands.) Paul Venti refereed.

Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown, 137¾, Philadelphia, destroyed grossly overmatched prelim kid Sammy Matos, 136, Chicago, for a kayo in 2:28 of the second in a scheduled 10, one knockdown. Venti reffed.

Billy Saunders' clever boxing played David to brawler Tom McGuire's Goliath in a fine six. Billy, 179¾, Vineland, completely befuddled Tom, 186¼, Phila., for a unanimous win. Ref, O'Neil.

Tommy Barnes, 118¾, Phila., took a majority call over Doug Pettiford, 122, Wilmington, six. Ref, Venti.

Lefty Juan Dominguez, 164, Avondale, Pa., TKO'd Teddy (Tiger) Jones, 160½, Newark via Reading, at 2:06 of the second in a scheduled four, two knockdowns. Ref, O'Neil.

Promoter/matchmaker—J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance—400 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(10-26-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Simon Brown returned to action, but showed rust in laboring to a unanimous decision over Daryl Penn, 10. The D.C. prospect has been on the sidelines over a "love-hate" triangle between manager Jose Correa, the Elbaum-Menas team, and rival promoter Bob Connelly. Simon came in heavy at 149½ (to Penn's 148½) because Correa throught it would give him extra punching power. Ironically, that's the one thing he failed to provide. Otherwise, the Portland, Ore. veteran took a one-sided beating, but managed to stay upright. Brown frequently hurt Penn to the body, where a previous broken rib and a gunshot wound have probably softened him up, but wasn't quite sharp enough with his combinations to take the ringwise Daryl out. John Stewart scored 10-0, Al DeVito 8-2, and Milo Savage 8-1-1. Rudy Battle refereed.

Ray Evans, 130¾, Phila., dished out a beating to Greg Washington, 131, Elizabeth, via unanimous verdict, six. Randy Neumann refereed.

Sam David, 117½, Phillipsburg, NJ, TKO'd overmatched James Sultry, 120, D.C., at 1:16 of the second in a scheduled four. James didn't seem to want to continue after left hooks floored him twice in the first and once in the second. Ref, Battle.

Jerome Butler, 158½, D.C., outlasted Kenny Reese, 155½, Philadelphia, to take a unanimous decision in an action four. Reese, down in the first, staggered Butler in the second, but then tired. Neumann reffed.

Derrick Wilkerson, 127½, Phila., won a majority decision over Tony Coleman, 126¾, Trenton, four. Ref, Battle.

Tomas Figueroa, 126, Arecibo, P.R., via the Bronx, floored Greg Tolbert, 127, D.C., in the third, then rocked him in the fourth and final round. Referee Neumann called a halt at 0:50.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1200 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

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(11-01-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Bally's Park Place—Once a leader in big fights, but now cooled, the always-hospitable Bally's chipped in with a rare card. This one featured plenty of action both in and out of the ring. Set to headline was seldom-seen Ken Bogner, who's been getting little work lately. Injuries to his opponents (Mancini's alleged broken collar bone) or himself (broken nose in sparring) have kept the popular Trenton banger on the sidelines. No wonder Dan Duva, who's got Ken under contract for a major rematch with Livingstone Bramble, was sweating this one. Dan insisted on right-of-approval of Bogner's opponent, looking, of course, for a soft touch. It turned out to be Philly's Mike Brown, whose lack of dedication and sporadic efforts have catapulted him from prelim prospect to cannon fodder. But he's a soft touch like Duran's a nice guy!

Brown stated before the fight, "I shouldn't have problems hitting Bogner because he doesn't have much of a defense." This proved to be the story of the fight, with the two wailing away until the stronger man (Bogner) prevailed. But before that happened, Brown was all over Bogner's face like a cheap razor. Bogner's nose bled from the second, his left eye was sliced in the fourth, and he trailed, 3-1, 3-1, and 4-0, going into the fifth. But Ken, 133¾, is nothing if not determined, and he kept coming, unloading with harder punches when he could catch Brown, 133½. A vicious body assault turned the tide in the fifth, twice sending Mike to the canvas and evening the eye cuts. Ref Joe Cortez quizzed him between rounds, and when all Mike could answer was, "I'm tired," Joe refused to let him out for the sixth of a scheduled 10. "He asked me if I wanted to continue and I didn't answer right away. I was stalling a little bit," the loser explained. "I didn't think he was going to stop it."

Joe Frazier, Jr., 137¼, Philadelphia, looked good, scoring knockdowns in the first and second to TKO Harold "Shakem" Cantave, 137¼, Brooklyn, not out for the third of a six. Cortez reffed.

Rodney Frazier, 203½, Philly, scored three easy knockdowns in TKOing Rich Segar, 222, Deptford, N.J., at 2:23 of the first in their six. Larry Hazzard refereed. Segar blamed his poor showing on an injured vertebra, and showed up later in a neck brace to prove it.

Mike Schilling, 178, Blackwood, beat Tee Carpenter, 176½, Trenton, via majority verdict, four. Ref, Hazzard.

Sal Cenicola, 130¼, Paterson, TKO'd outclassed Glen Sample, 126, Phila., with knockdowns in each round, at 1:18 of the second in a scheduled four. Ref, Hazzard.

Ray Brewer, 149½, Montgomery, New York, debuted with a good unanimous win over Terry Battle, 154, Trenton, four. Ref, Cortez.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—1200 (est.).
Judges—Harold Lederman, Lawrence Wallace, Phil Newman.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(11-03-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—What looked like a mauling ho-hummer on paper turned out to be a hard-fought battle, with another in a near-epidemic of controversial decisions. This time, lefty Clarence Hill, 214¼, Bermuda via New Rochelle, and Dorcy Gaymon, 199, Jacksonville, slugged to a draw, 10.

It was a tough one to score, and the officials weren't up to it, turning in wildly differing cards that had the crowd yelling for their scalps. Richard F. Murry had it 9-1, Gaymon; Ray Hoagland, 6-4, Hill; and William Kostrub, 5-5. In a rare display of candor, one of Hill's own cornermen, Eddie Allen, confessed, "I went in to congratulate the other guy . . . I feel sorry for him. I thought we were lucky to get out with a draw." No doubt Gaymon won the "big" rounds, but coasting in the "off" rounds cost him. Rudy Battle refereed.

Carl Riskus, 151¾, Pittsburgh, took a split decision over Roberto (Sugar) Mendez, 148, Trenton, eight. Mendez gave away the early rounds before staging a comeback in the exciting second half. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Anthony English, 128, Camden, looked good, dropping and TKOing once-promising Ewart Chance, 127, Guyana via Brooklyn, at 2:01 of the third in a scheduled six. Ref, Battle.

Andre Sherfield, 171½, Phila., suffered a fluke knockdown in the second, scored a solid one in the third, and edged southpaw Derrick Hardy, 178, Vineland, by unanimous decision, four. Ref, Cappuccino.

"Levi Elbaum" (Angel Gonzales), 124, Phila., demolished Terry Coney, 120, Paulsboro, N.J., via TKO at 2:02 of the first in their scheduled four, one knockdown. Ref, Battle.

Kevin Watts, 162½, Pleasantville, TKO'd David Barrow, 161, Christ Church, Barbadoes, via Philadelphia, with one knockdown at 1:15 of the fourth and final round. Ref, Cappuccino.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1200 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(11-08-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino—A card of eights was topped by Woody Clark scoring his first A.C. win in seven attempts. The victim was previously unbeaten Clinton Barnes, 199¾, Philadelphia, a good technician who may lack the requisite power to hold off the big guys. Clinton kept the jab in Woody's face, but it was only a push with nothing on it. Clark, 195¾, Fayetteville, NC, nearly gave it away by hoarding his punches like they were gold. But when he chose to fire, sweeping left hooks and rights up at the tall Barnes, he showed who was boss and rocked Clinton several times. Still, the split decision had the crowd holding its breath. Phil Newman was a bit off base with 5-4-1, Barnes, but Lawrence Wallace and Ronnie Burns tabbed correctly at 5-3, Clark. Paul Venti refereed.

Rickey Parkey, 181¼, formerly of Morristown, Tenn., but now residing in A.C., took a unanimous decision over Stanley Ross, 184, Philadelphia. It was a creditless performance by Ross, who, after being rocked in the second, went on to perform like he was in a jazz ballet instead of a fight. The crowd was delighted when Stanley hit the deck from a right counter in the seventh. Still, all his menacing moves seemed to intimidate Parkey, who was conservative even in victory. Stanley just didn't back it up with any punches. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Juan Ramon Santana, 145, Camden, was excellent in demolishing spoiler Gary Gibson, 144, Hillcrest Heights, Md., at 1:20 of the first. A solid combo to the body and right over the top dropped Gary for the count and then some. Newcomer Jim Corti refereed.

What looked like a waltz on paper, counter-puncher Robert Adams, 155½, Phila., and stinkout artist Fernando Fernandez, 157, Cape Verde Island via Pawtucket, RI, turned out an interesting tactical match. Adams' left hand was just too good, nullifying Fernando's jab, with Robert taking a unanimous decision. Corti reffed.

Greg Richardson, 119, Youngstown, took an easy unanimous win over Sonny Long, 117, Cincinnati. O'Neil reffed.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—900 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(11-15-83)

J.R. JOWETT

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino—Lightweight Darryll Tyson, 135¼, Wash., D.C. came back to the spot of his latest—and greatest—victory and this time he left little doubt who was the better man.

When Tyson upset Jimmy Paul here in October, most considered it a gift win. With this visit, he took home a unanimous decision over the rugged but immobile Jorge Morales, 137¾, of Los Angeles. The D.C. resident went to 11-1 with five knockouts; taking advantage of his quick hands to pile up the points. He was sure of himself once past the early round figuring out stage. He planted swift one-two's on his plodding foe, especially in rounds three through eight. Morales hung tough however. His left eye was closing from round six on and yet he impressed many with doggedness, considering he had not boxed since a three round lose to Paul in October of 82.

The official scores for this 10-rounder were: Frank Cairo, 9-1, Milo Savage, 5-4-1, and Tony Castellano, 7-3, same as *The Ring*. Morales, a former NABF lightweight champion, fell to 30-10-1.

The undercard consisted of five bouts, the total rounds of which was less than the main event. It wasn't so much bad matchmaking as it was no holds barred assaults.

In one scheduled six, Robert (son of Zora) Folley, 174¼, Phoenix, Ari., stopped Andre Sherfield, 168¼, A.C. at 1:31 of the first. Andre was floored once. In another scheduled six, Edward "Watusy" DeJesus, 131, Camden, went to 6-0 (three by KO) when he halted Ray Evans, 129, of Philadelphia. The time of the TKO was 2:47 of round one. Evans was down once. DeJesus was sharp, quick and presistent.

Three fours rounded out the card. Angel Sindo, 152¾, Camden TKO'd Tomas Otero, 124½, Bronx at 1:04 of the fourth. Tomas, now 1-1, turned professional using his mothers' maiden name of Figueroa. He was down once in the third and twice in the fourth. Jocko King, 129½, out of Philadelphia, upped his record to 7-0-1, five via knockout, when he KO'd Dio Garcia, 124½, The Bronx in just fifty-four seconds. Garcia never had a chance as King was all over him and scored one knockdown — the left hook — for the full count.

Referees—Tony Orlando worked the DeJesus, King and Sindo wins, while Frank Cappucino handled the others, including the top bout.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson
Elbaum & Menas Promotions.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian
(11-22-83)

JACK OBERMAYER

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—It was Thanksgiving Eve and a trio of stars from the Duva and Peltz stables enjoyed an early feast. Former WBA light heavyweight champion Mike Rossman, lightweight contender Livingstone Bramble, and junior lightweight contender Rocky Lockridge were all pitted against opposition designed to pad their records and provide a little extra Christmass money. Of the three, only Rossman encountered even a taste of resistance. Overall, a real "turkey shoot."

Rossman, a bit overweight at 179, TKO'd Henry Sims, 177, Chicago, at 2:57 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. As is his wont, Rossman insisted in fielding practically every punch thrown in his direction with his face before finally connecting with a fight-ending bomb. Sims scored well with his left jab, opening minor cuts around both of Mike's eyes.

Rossman finally grew weary of chasing Sims around the ring and allowed Henry to back him into the ropes with a volley. Sims was foolish enough to be enticed into an exchange and Rossman took full advantage of the situation. Late in the fifth, Rossman exploded out of a corner with a left hook that drove Sims across the ring. The "Jewish Bomber" followed up with a heavy flurry of punches, flooring Sims with a crushing right to the head. Referee Larry Hazzard stopped the fight without completing the count. Poor Sims was obviously finished.

Rossman seemed pleased with his fourth comeback victory (raising his record to 44-7-3, 27 kayoes) and joked with promoter Peltz about the uncomfortable moments he endured before prevailing over his very ordinary adversary.

"I always make you look like the best matchmaker since Tex Rickard," kidded Mike.

The two other scheduled 10s, however, turned out to be blatant mismatches.

Lockridge, fresh from a career-best win over Cornelious Boza-Edwards, beat the tar out of Jeff Goodwin, 131, Knoxville, Tenn., until referee Joe Cortez called him off at 2:55 of the third. The pointless win lifted Rocky's log to 33-3, 27 kayoes, while the game Goodwin fell to 11-6, eight kayoes. Lockridge, 129, Maple Shade, N.J., hopes to challenge Hector Camacho early in 1984. Now, *that's* more of a fight!

Bramble, 135, Passaic, N.J., outpunched incredibly brave Tom Crowley, 135, Tipton, Iowa, for the better part of five rounds until referee Cortez took mercy and terminated the slaughter at 2:00 of the fifth. Crowley was too courageous for his own good and absorbed a nasty beating. Bramble is now 18-1-1, 12 kayoes, while Crowley slipped to 19-13-1, eight kayoes.

In a scheduled eight, Calvin Grove, 127¾, TKO'd Willie Martinez Perez, 128, Phila., at the end of the third, raising his undefeated record to 13-0, seven kayoes. Grove hails from Pottstown, Pa. Referee, Cortez.

Vernon (Honey Bear) James, 147¼, Phila., knocked out William Hudson, 141¾, Phila., in 1:52 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Rights to the head put Hudson down twice, the second time for the full count. Referee, Hazzard.

The card was televised live over WHT-TV.

Judges—Frank Brunette, William Kostrub, Tommy Kaczmarek.
Main Event Productions and Peltz Boxing Promotions.
(11-23-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

NEW YORK

▲SYRACUSE—War Memorial Auditorium—Wesley Shuler, 141, Syracuse, TKO'd Frank Mackey, 134, Troy, New York, at 1:56 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Frankie Adams, referee. Shuler, managed by the veteran Billy Harris, is now 8-0-2.

Lou Vallar, 199, Syracuse, won a unanimous decision over Curtis Whitner, 220, Lynn, Mass., six. Vallar, handled by John De John, is now 9-3.

Dwight Williams, 150, Syracuse, won a unanimous verdict over Willie Gamble, 151½, Albany, New York, six. Williams is now 4-0.

Floyd Peavy, 154, Kingston, New York, won a majority duke over Frankie Minigan, 146, Rochester, six. Peavy is now 4-0.

Richard Brent, 161, New York, dropped Billy Sullivan, also 161, Syracuse, twice for a TKO of 2:40 of the opening round in a scheduled six. Tommy Holmes, referee. Sullivan is now 3-2.

Matt Farrago, 158, Syracuse, won a unanimous verdict over Rocky Rodriguez, 159, Buffalo, in the opening four. Farrago, handled by Ray Rinaldo, is now 4-0.

Referees—Frank Adams, Tommy Holmes.
Judges—Don Nodecker, Don Ackerman, John Antonacci.
Timekeeper—Bob Olsen.
Ring Announcer—Dick Tobin.
Dome International Promotions.
Attendance—1,500 (estimated).
(12-09-83)

JIM LEO

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Juan Ramon (Bambino) Cruz, 134½, New York, fighting for the first time since his ill-starred bout with Gino Perez on September 30, TKO'd Carlos Santana, 135½, Detroit, at 2:16 of the third round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Referee John LoBianco stopped the contest when Santana, who'd been taking a bad beating, finally went down.

Cruz is now 12-1 with 11 knockouts. Santana is 22-11 with 15 kayoes.

James (Buddy) McGirt, 144½, Brentwood, Long Island, New York, TKO'd Chi Chi Hernandez, 148, Hartford, Conn., at 1:33 of the seventh in the scheduled 10-round co-feature. Vinnie Ferguson, referee. McGirt is now 12-0-1 with 11 knockouts. Hernandez, who was down in round two, is 7-7-1 with four kayoes.

Troy Darrell, 150, New Rochelle, New York, TKO'd Leon Fulton, 155, Philadelphia, at 0:51 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Darrell came out winging, and a right dropped Fulton within the first 30 seconds. Paul Venti, referee.

Freddy Boynton, 158, Red Bank, New Jersey, TKO'd Andy Schott, 162, New Paltz, New York, at 0:48 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

Arthur Anthony Holt, 160, Brooklyn, TKO'd Miguel (Chico) Rosa, 160½, Springfield, Mass., at 2:54 of the first round in a scheduled six. Rosa was down twice before a solid right to the mush forced referee Venti to step in.

Mike Rosario, 113½, Bronx, and Luis Ramos, 114, New York, drew, six. Scoring: judges Bernie Friedkin and Peter Heller, both 3-3; judge Victor Suarez, 4-2, Rosario. Paul Venti, referee.

Benjamin Torres, 132½, New York, and Ralph Delgado, 134½, New York, drew, four. Scoring: judges Friedkin and Heller, both 2-2; judge Suarez, 3-1, Torres. John LoBianco, referee.

A scheduled six-rounder between Mike Martinez, 155, Brooklyn, and Eddie Tyler, Pittsburgh, was cancelled when Tyler could not make the necessary weight.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(12-09-83)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

OHIO

▲CLEVELAND—Stouffer's Inn—Ronnie Shields, 139½, Port Arthur, Texas, won the vacant North American Boxing Federation junior welterweight crown with a unanimous decision over former WBC champion Saoul Mamby, also 139½, New York, 12.

Shields, who looked very impressive in an excellent bout, is now 19-2 with 14 kayoes. Mamby is 33-15-5 with 14 knockouts.

Horace Shufford, 147¼, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Plegge, 145½, Alliance, Ohio, 10. Shufford is now 22-2-1 with four knockouts. Plegge is 23-20-1 with 10 kayoes.

Freddie (Pebble) Jackson, 119¼, Houston, Texas, knocked out James Tolliver, 115½, Cleveland, in 2:57 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10. Jackson is now 26-3 with 15 kayoes. Tolliver is 7-6-1.

Dujuan Johnson, 150¾, Detroit, TKO'd Dennis Fain, 151½, Akron, Ohio, at 1:07 of the seventh round in another scheduled 10. Johnson, who looked rusty, is now 21-3. Fain is 13-13.

Mark Rivera, 173, Cleveland, went to 11-0 by stopping Thommy Sacco, 165½, Alliance, who failed to answer the bell for round five of a scheduled six. Sacco is now 10-13.

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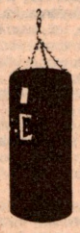

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Dennis Benjamin, 141¼, Houston, TKO'd Charles Triplett, 138¾, Cleveland, at 1:37 of the first round in a scheduled four. Benjamin is now 4-0. Triplett is 5-8.

Another scheduled four, between Rafael Cordero, 142, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Randy Lenz, 142¼, California, Pa., was not used. Cordero, by the by, is 5-0. Lenz is 2-1.

Don King Productions.
(11-16-83)

OREGON

▲PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—Bad timing put this interesting card on the night after Hagler-Duran, so the crowd was the smallest ever at this site.

Arnel Arrozal, 119, Philippines, won a technical decision over Earnie Chavez, also 119, Salt Lake City, when their scheduled 10 was halted in the sixth. Arrozal was leading on points when he suffered a cut over the right eye from an accidental head butt.

Ronnie Romero, 129, Salt Lake City, and Roland Harmon, also 129, Sacramento, drew, eight.

Donnie Fosmire, 124, Portland, TKO'd Mario Torres, 123, Mexico, at 2:00 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Tony Gallo, 261, Portland, won a unanimous decision over Melvin (Buster Ray) Hosey, 230, Dayton, Ohio, six.

Tomas Chavez, 143½, Mexico, outpointed Kevin Andreeson, 149, Salt Lake City, six.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.
Judges—Bob Lorey, Ben Laford, Paul Weitzel.
McNally Sports Attractions.
Attendance—756. Gross—$7,125.
(11-11-83)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲CONSHOHOCKEN—McDonald Labor Lyceum—Probably the last card in a fine series of shows was presented here, as the local tax bite threatens to put this club out of business. In the main event, scheduled for eight, Marvin Mack, 164½, Phila., kayoed Alonzo Cutchin, 165½, Charlottesville, Va., in 2:20 of the second. Hank Cisco refereed.

Levi Jones, 147, Phila., TKO'd Wali Abdullah, 143½, Philadephia, at 1:06 of the second in a scheduled six. Ref, Hank Cisco.

"Doctor Love," 234, Phila., kayoed Ricky Graham, 196, Lynchburg, Va., with a left hook to the ribs in 0:20 of the first in their scheduled six. Love, formerly Vernon Cokes, is reviving his career after a lay-off. Rudy Battle refereed.

In the night's best bout, local favorite "Wicked" Joe Pickett, 130, Phoenixville, was upset by one "Levi Elbaum," 125, Phila., via a unanimous decision, six. "Elbaum" is actually Angel Gonzales, who changed his name because he idolizes, but is not the son of, famed promoter Don Elbaum as was rumored. Ref, Battle.

Jeffrey Hill, 174, Philadelphia, wore down and TKO'd Terry Johnson, 165½, Chesapeake, Va., without a knockdown, at 1:18 of the fourth and final round. Cisco, referee.

A slugfest saw Ed Priester, 153, Philadelphia, wobbled in the first, come back to drop Jimmy Wrotten, 148, Philly., once in the second, and twice in the third for a TKO at 1:08, scheduled four. Ref, Battle.

Highly-regarded Wayne Travagline, 147, Philadelphia, got a fight from Juan Hunter, 147½, Chesapeake. Wayne scored a close, but unanimous, win, four. Ref, Cisco.

Greg Hackett, 155, Chester, returned after several years to take a close, unanimous call over Mike Grant, 157½, Philadelphia, four. Ref, Battle.

Promoter/matchmaker—Bob Connelly.
Attendance—900, Gross—$9000 (est.).
Timekeeper—Angel Vargas.
Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(10-13-83)

▲ALLENTOWN—Holiday Inn West—Boxing returned to this once-active venue after an absence of three years. Though the card was well-received, the bouts were only average.

Willie (Fireball) Rodriguez, 146, Allentown, faced someone called "Ya Yal Ali," 151½, parts unknown, (said to be actually Brooklyn's club veteran Johnny Davis) in the main event, 10. Davis/Ali gave Willie some trouble until Fireball found the range with his counters. Davis/Ali was dropped twice in the fifth, a right uppercut the starter, and failed to come out for the sixth. Mike Mittman refereed.

Angel Cruz, 140¼, Bethlehem, scored a unanimous win over one Manuel Toribio, 140, Dominican Republic, in a foul-ridden eight. Manuel's best weapon was the headlock, which cost him two rounds on fouls. Tony Wolfe refereed.

Wolfe also penalized Hector Sanchez, 126, for a low blow, which cost him a win over Jose (Cheo) Ortiz, 128¼, Brooklyn, their six-rounder ending in a draw.

John Florio unveiled his heavyweight hopeful Mike Mohn, 191½, Shillington, Pa., who TKO'd ancient globe-trotting loser Charlie Heyward, 185, New York, with one knockdown at 1:24 of the fourth and last round. Ref Mittman.

A knockdown in the third enabled Robbie Robinson, 174¾, Bethlehem, to edge John Letcavage, 171, Shenandoah, Pa., by unanimous decision, four. A draw would have been more appropriate. Wolfe refereed.

A.D. Wiggins, 132½, Allentowen, kayoed Jose Velez, 133, New York with a left hook to the ribs in 2:45 of the fourth and final round. Ref, Mittman.

Promoter/matchmaker—John Florio (Four Corner Promotions).
Attendance—550. Gross—$6500 (est.).
Judges—Bob LaGuardia, Paul Battle.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Announcer—Joe McHugh.
(10-21-83)

▲PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle—House favorite Fred McMunn returned with a good win over game Toby Smith, via unanimous verdict, eight. McMunn, 159½, Kensington, used a solid body attack to wear down Smith, 163, Virginia Beach, in a hard-fought inside battle. Scores: Carol Polis, 38-36; Joe O'Neil, 39-33; ref Hank Cisco, 40-33.

Developing prospect Junie Nash, 148, Frankford, scored a solid win, TKOing tough but unskilled Reed Rhodes, 155, JCalifornia, Pa., at 1:42 of the second in a scheduled six. O'Neil refereed.

In an excellent six, Darrell Jacobs, 139, Yorktown, Va., used sharp counters to score a unanimous win over determined Winston Henry, 140, Plainfield, N.J. Cisco reffed.

In a fine match of unbeatens, Steve Johnson, 149½, Philadelphia, outhustled Joey Whitfield, 147, Phila., for a unanimous win, six. Ref, O'Neil.

Mark Frazier, 161½, North Phyiladelphia, kayoed John White, 167, N. Phila., in 2:58 of the second four. Mark won with a standing eight and a left-hook knockdown. Ref, O'Neil.

James Moody, 135, N. Phila., TKO'd Pat Lyons, 136½, St. Marys, Pa., unable to come out for the fourth and final round. Hank Cisco reffed.

Promoter—Joe Verne.
Matchmaker—Billy DeMarco.
Attendance—400. Gross—$4500 (est.).
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(10-27-83)

J.R. JOWETT

TEXAS

▲EL PASO—Judging Barn—This unlikely venue, behind the County Center, had a card sponsored by TOPCO Promotions.

Kevin Davenport, 137½, El Paso, kayoed Adolfo Vargas, 141½, El Paso, in 2:22 of the first round.

Jimmy Flores, 130, El Paso, and Armando Armas, 134½, El Paso, had their bout declared a tech draw in the first.

Fausto Medina, 141, El Paso, halted Ronnie Villa, 138, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at 2:25 of the first.

Ricardo Lehman, 136, Tucson, won a unanimous decision over Jose E. Soto, 141¼, El Paso, four.

Robert Sacco, 175½, El Paso, won a unanimous verdict over Randy Hensley, 178, Tucson, four.

Cliff Thomas, 143, El Paso, halted Eugene Traylor, 136½, Tucson, at 2:21 of the fourth.
(11-22-83)

▲PASADENA—Gilley's Club, Rodeo Arena—Local favorite Jerry Stoner, 137, was hard pressed to win a split decision over journeyman Tom Baker, 139, Washington, D.C., 10.

Tom Trimm, 207, Galena Park, stopped flabby Charles Atlas, 215, Bastrop, La., at 1:30 of the first round.

Shelton LeBlanc, 133, Carencro, La., halted iron-jawed Arturo Munoz, also 133, at 2:59 of the second.

Roman George, 145, Lafayette, La., won a unanimous duke over Danny Favella, 149, San Antonio, four.

Kenneth Vice, 128, Lafayette, La., won a unanimous decision over Albert Favella, 126, San Antonio, six.

Mike Phelps, 115, Lumberton, won a unanimous decision over Jorge Salas, also 115, Houston, four.

Joseph Pipps, 147, Vidor, kayoed Ricky Buquo, 145, Spring Branch, in 0:45 of round two.

Gilley's picked up the tab for this show, letting all 1,100 (estimated) spectators in gratis as a Thanksgiving present.

Promoter—Texas Fisticuffs, in association with Top Rank, Inc. ESPN.
Matchmaker—Tony Gardner.
(11-24-83)

▲HOUSTON—Esquire Ballroom—Ronald Hayes, 137½, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Reggie Dixon, 140, Port Arthur, in the six-round main event.

Four-rounders: Gary Read, 206, Houston, won a unanimous duke over Tom Landry, 196, Beaumont. Tom Trimm, 212, Galena Park, kayoed Donnie Franklin, 209, Coldwater, Mississippi, in 0:55 of the second. Terry Walker, 178, Houston, knocked out Anthony Garner, 179, Beaumont, in 2:13 of the second. Mike Phelps, 115, Lumberton, won a majority verdict over Francisco Arbaiza, 119, Houston. Jeff Meachem, 182, Houston, kayoed Johnny Rice, 176, Port Arthur, in 0:58 of the second.

Challenge II Promotions.
Matchmaker—John English.
Attendance—405.
(12-06-83)

▲HOUSTON—Astro Arena—Primo Ramos, 134¼, Chicago, stopped Ted Hatfield, 136, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, at 1:27 of the third round.

"Ezzard" Charles Adams, 130½, Houston, won a majority decision over Frankie Newton, 131, Oklahoma City, 10.

Reggie Robinson, 135, Houston, won a majority decision over former amateur teammate Gary Simons, 134, eight.

Tom (Mad Dog) Smith, 153¼, Houston, won a majority duke over Phil Sawyer, 152, Fort Worth, eight.

Rick Henderson, 141, Houston, halted Tony Hollis, 144, Alabama, at 0:38 of the second.

Raphe Sims, 135¼, Galena Park, TKO'd inept Ric (Diamond Boy) Ramos, 140, Houston, at 2:24 of the first.

Houston Boxing Association.
Matchmaker—Tony Gardner.
Home Sports Entertainment Cable System.
Attendance—1,500 (estimated).
(12-08-83)

CLAUDE A. JACKSON

VIRGINIA

▲TYSONS CORNER—Westpark Hotel—As usual, the action was fierce, both in and out of the ring, at this always-filled small venue. Promoter Jim Ed Jones got involved in a scuffle during the main event with prelim fighter Jimmy Johnson. Neither was hurt, but the fight momentarily got the attention of the fighters in the ring, who stopped their bout to see what was going on at ringside. Referee Al Rothenberg quickly reminded the two of the business they were supposed to be taking care of and the bout resumed.

The main event had Tony (The Witch Doctor) Ojo, 152, Olympia Boxing Center, decisioning veteran loser Mike Grant, 154, Philadelphia over 10.

Ojo landed far more punches than Grant, but was unable to hurt him. Grant landed several hard shots that put Ojo in trouble, but Ojo's heavy training for this, his first 10-rounder, helped him withstand the blows.

Anthony Crudup, 159½, knocked out Freddie Creech, 160, in 2:37 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Crudup, 12-4, scored a knockdown with an overhand right and, about 20 seconds later, finished Creech with a right hand lead. The referee didn't bother to finish the count and called in the ring doctor.

Keely "Poochie" Thompson, 125½, Washington, D.C., moved to 4-0 in his first six-rounder by neutralizing the constant pressure of Richard "Buzzsaw" Loving, 122½, to win a close decision. This fight was decided in the last round when Thompson was able to work Loving over against the ropes. Loving dropped to 5-1.

Dave Jacobs III, 142½, Palmer Park, Md., son of the former trainer of Sugar Ray Leonard, Dave Jacobs, won his pro debut with a four-round decision over Jose Ortiz, 142½, Washington, D.C., also debuting.

Huge Orator Hall, 238, OBC, sporting high-top Converse All-Stars, methodically tore apart a game but overmatched Bernie Keyes, 225, Hillcrest Heights, Me., and scored a TKO at 1:52 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Hall, now 4-0, showed fluidity in his style, accuracy in his punching and terrible taste in his footwear.

In the opener, Jimmy Johnson, 180, OBC, looked past the showboating of Reggie Lee, 174, Washington, D.C., to score a unanimous decision over four.

Referees—Al Rothenberg, Ernie Green.
Judges—Oscar Bryan, Julian Whitestone, alt. ref.
Promoter—Jim Ed Jones
Physician—Dr. Hoffler
Ring Announcer—Larry Zabel
Timekeeper—Ted Narney
WEEL Radio.

JOHN SCHEINMAN

CANADA

MANITOBA

▲WINIPEG—Convention Centre—David Dusang, 153½, Winnipeg, halted Daryl Miller, 154½, Omaha, at 2:58 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Dan Vandal, 160, Winnipeg, stopped Frank Albert, 162, Omaha, with three knockdowns in the fifth round of their scheduled eight.

Daryl Anthony, 146½, Indianapolis, stopped John Herbert, 149½, Vancouver, at 2:35 of the third round in another scheduled eight.

Paul Graham, 136, Indianapolis, TKO'd Dan Pruden, 135, Winnipeg, at 2:48 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Tim Pruden, 148, Winnipeg, stopped Tim Millard, 137, St. Paul, Minnesota, at 2:55 of the second in a scheduled four.

Referees—Al Sparks, Art Wellby, Mike Pastrack.
Judges—J. Roberts, E. St. Mars, P. Haynes.
Ring Announcer—Don Kirton.
Ringside Physician—Norman Hill, M.D.
World Boxing Promotions.
(10-08-83)

ONTARIO

▲TORONTO—Sheraton Hotel Ballroom—1976 Olympic lightweight bronze medalist Ace Rusevski, 148, Macedonia, a southpaw, overcame a cut over his left eye in the fifth round to win a unanimous decision over Bill (Fireball) Bradley, 150, Middletown, Ohio, 10.

Jimmy Gradson, 177, Toronto, halted Jimmy (Schoolboy) Baker, 170½, Scottsburg, Indiana, who was unable to answer the bell for the third round.

Don Hurtle, 178, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Kim Martin, 175, Louisville, six.

Paul Graham, 136, Indiana, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Heickert, 148, Oshawa, four.

Referees—Lionel Sullivan, Fern Chretien.
Judges—Sammy Luftspring, Frank Bullard, Chuck Williams.
Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillolo.
Ring Announcer—George Maxwell.
Ringside Physicians—A. Hacker, M.D., A. Murray, M.D.
Microm Promotions.
(10-14-83)

QUEBEC

▲MONTREAL—Forum—The scheduled 12-round Canadian welterweight title bout between defending champion Mario Cusson, 137¼, Montreal, and challenger Dave Hilton, Jr., 146¼, Montreal, was terminated at 1:33 of the third frame and declared a technical draw. Cusson had sustained a bad gash over his left optic from an accidental butt. Guy Jutras, referee.

Cusson received $120,000 and Hilton $118,000.

Alex Hilton, 159½, Montreal, kayoed former champion Ralph Hollett, 158½, Halifax, in 0:45 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12 to win the vacant Canadian middleweight title. The 18-year-old Hilton is now 15-0 with 13 knockouts.

Matthew Hilton, 153½, Montreal, halted Eddie Hollett, also 153½, Halifax, at 1:29 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Richard Doutre, referee. Hilton is now 10-0.

Gaetan Hart, 136¼, Buckingham, TKO'd Paul Collette, 132½, Montreal, at 2:29 of the seventh. Guy Jutras, referee. This was Collette's first serious bout in more than seven years.

Marlon Wright, 137½, Montreal, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous decision over Robert Loyer, 132½, Gatineau, four.

Jacques Deblois, 149¼, Montreal, won a unanimous decision over Denis Savoie, 146½, Montreal, four. This was Deblois' second bout in seven days.

Referees—Jerry Simpson, Guy Jutras, Richard Doutre.

Judges—M. Greene, Beaudry, Mailhot, Theroux.
Timekeepers—M. Vermette, M. Aubert.
Ring Announcer—Robert Rivest.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. P. Meunier, Dr. L. LeClerc.
Promoter—Henri Spitzer.
Attendance—20,700. Gross—$800,010.
(12-04-83)

FRANK ALLNUTT

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Veteran Raúl Bianco outscored previously unbeaten Roberto (Rocky) Defooz, 10, junior lightweights.

Víctor Robledo outpointed Félix Ruiz, 10, light heavyweights.

In preliminary bouts, lightweight Diógenes Rojas outpointed René Raúl Godoy, six and welterweight Enrique Areco outpointed Marcelo Villagra, six.
(09-02-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—In a TV boxing event, fast rising featherweight José Mario López outpointed Carlos Laciar, 10. López showed better technical skills to stop the furious attacks of Laciar. The decision was a majority: 98-96, 98-97, and 98-98. López upped his record to 16-0-3.
(10-05-83)

▲**CONCEPCION**—Mario Herrara halted Angel Manino in the sixth, welterweights.
(10-05-83)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—In a great upset, junior lightweight Pedro Armando Gutierrez outpointed Argentine featherweight champion Fernando Sosa, 10 by a majority decision (two judges saw it 98-97 and the third, 98-98). Both fighters were within the limits of the junior lightweights: Gutierrez 129 pounds and Sosa 129½. Sosa prevailed in the first half of the bout due to his better technical skills, but Gutierrez had the best part in the second half on the basis of good physical condition. Now, the record of Gutierrez shows wins over three Argentine champions. He previously halted lightweight champion Lorenzo García in 1978 and outpointed junior lightweight champion Carlos (Gato) Olivera in 1983.
(10-07-83)

▲**RECONQUISTA**—South American flyweight champion Rubén Condorí drew with Alberto Pacheco, 10 disputed rounds. Non-title bout.
(10-07-83)

▲**SAN LUIS**—José Vega outpointed Luis Parodi, 10, middleweights.
(10-07-83)

▲**TUCUMAN**—Benjamín del Valle Sendín halted Antonio Ibañez in the ninth, junior featherweights.

Cruiserweight Cándido Barrera outclassed light heavyweight José Helguera, 10.
(10-07-83)

▲**VILLA CONSTITUCION**—Raúl (Nico) Pérez outpointed Ramón Rodriguez, 10 rounds, junior featherweights.
(10-07-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Argentine and South American junior welterweight champion Ubaldo (Ubi) Sacco halted veteran welterweight Horacio Agustín Saldaño in five. This was the last fight for Saldaño, who won the first round but lost the second, third, fourth, and retired in the fifth. Sacco upped his record to 46-2-1 (21 KOs). Saldaño retired after 94 bouts with 66-12-15 and one no decision (39 KOs). He was always very popular in Buenos Aires.

Ramón Jara knocked Oscar Ballesteros out in the third, junior welterweights; Ramón Crespín outpointed Eduardo Bagala in six, featherweights, and Miguel González outclassed Ramón Pérez in six, welterweights.
(10-08-83)

▲**PERGAMINO**—Unbeaten junior featherweight Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez outpointed Roberto Condorí, 10.
(10-08-83)

▲**CORRIENTES**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violín) Salgado outpointed Ricardo Arce, 10.
(10-13-83)

▲**MENDOZA**—Argentine bantamweight champion Ramón Soria outpointed Luis Gerez in ten and reversed the result of a fight four months ago in which Gerez halted Soria in the seventh.

South American bantamweight champion José Rufino Narváez knocked out Raúl Cuevas in the fifth.
(10-14-83)

▲**TRELEW**—Veteran Mario Guilloti, who had retired, returned to action and outpointed Mario Matthysse, 10, junior middleweights.
(10-14-83)

▲**SAN JUAN**—Sergio Combis outpointed Humberto Barloa, 10, welterweights.
(10-14-83)

▲**SAN PEDRO**—Local Lorenzo García outpointed Apolinario Romero, 10. García, who holds the Argentine and South American lightweight titles, weighed 139 and has decided to continue fighting as a junior welter.
(10-14-83)

▲**SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE**—Unbeaten Chilean Oscar (Monzón) Benavides halted Mario Viscaya in two, junior lightweights.
(10-14-83)

▲**LA PLATA**—Fast rising junior welterweight Juan Martín Coggi outclassed Aníbal Ozuna, 10.
(10-14-83)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Manuel Roca won a fifth round technical decision over José Ludueña to win the vacant welterweight title of the city of Mar del Plata.
(10-14-83)

▲**TUCUMAN**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez continued his impressive string of victories by halting René Plaza in five.
(10-14-83)

▲**SALTA**—Two of the top Argentine welterweights fought in Salta, and visitor Carlos Prieto outpointed local credit Osmar Ochoa, 10.

Miguel Arroyo outpointed Marcelo Villagra, eight, welterweights.
(10-14-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Unbeaten junior welterweight Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez outclassed Ramón Collado, 10.

In preliminary bouts, Lucio López outpointed Hipólito Cancota, eight, featherweights; Carlos Martinez halted Oscar Rodriguez in two, junior middleweights; and Alberto Claria outpointed Néstor Rodriguez, six, junior welters.
(10-15-83)

▲**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Lightweight Jesús Romero knocked out Chilean Carlos Jofre in the fifth.

Julio Juárez halted Santos Almonacid in seven, featherweights.
(10-15-83)

▲**SANTA ROSA**—Unbeaten Luis Bazán and Domingo Sosa drew, 10, junior middleweights.
(10-21-83)

▲**PRESIDENTE ROQUE SAENZ PEÑA**—Angel Caro outpointed Eduardo Contreras, 10, middleweights.
(10-21-83)

▲**MORENO**—Light heavyweight César Romero continued his series of kayoes by halting Juan Carlos Fernández in the sixth.
(10-21-83)

▲**CERES**—Juan Carlos Morales outpointed Oscar San Juan, 12, to win the welterweight title of the province of Santa Fe.
(10-21-83)

▲**VILLA HUIDOBRO**—Daniel Murúa outclassed Luis Musa, 12, to win the junior lightweight crown of the province of Córdoba.
(10-21-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—In a very hard and rustic fight, Ramón Abeldaño outpointed Argentine and South American welterweight champion Alfredo Lucero to repeat his victory of May 29, 1982. Lucero was down in the second. The judges carded 99-96, 99-95, and 97-94—all Abeldaño.

Oscar Ojeda outpointed Diógenes Rojas, eight, junior lightweights; Jorge Gallardo outpointed Miguel González, six, junior middleweights; Héctor Luque outpointed Guillermo Barrios, six, welterweights.
(10-22-83)

▲**SALTA**—Miguel Arroyo halted Alberto Sosa in eight, welterweights.

Fidel Rivera knocked out Pascual Margara in the fourth, junior featherweights.
(10-28-83)

BRAZIL

▲**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian flyweight champion Paulo Ribeiro outpointed Waldir Lobo, eight. The match was originally scheduled for Rivero's crown, but Lobo failed to make the weight.

José Francisco de Paula retained his Brazilian featherweight title by winning a technical decision over Valdevino Monteiro.
(10-06-83)

▲**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian middleweight champion Carlos Antunes outpointed veteran Argentine Juan Carlos Peralta, 10. Peralta had announced his retirement early in 1983.
(10-29-83)

CHILE

▲**SANTIAGO**—Due to the lack of professional activity in Chile, four of the top local fighters have decided to move to Miami in November. They are: bantamweight Cardenio Ulloa, featherweight Juvenal Ordenes, junior flyweight Eduardo Burgos, and junior welterweight Juan Cruces.

COLOMBIA

▲**BOGOTA**—Raúl Díaz outpointed Panamanian Luis Newmann, 10, bantamweights.
(10-02-83)

PARAGUAY

▲**ASUNCION**—Paraguayan light heavyweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez knocked out Argentine Juan Carlos Morales in the first.

Uruguayan José María Flores Burlón, who holds the South American light heavyweight title, halted Argentine Andrés Olmedo in the sixth.
(10-06-83)

VENEZUELA

▲**CARACAS**—Venezuelan Ildemar Paisán and Argentine Gerónimo Luquez drew, 10, lightweights.
(10-03-83)

▲**CARACAS**—Welterweight Elio Omar Díaz outpointed Latin American junior middleweight champion Patricio Díaz, 10, to confirm the validity of his high position in Latin American and world ratings.

Dominican Francisco Quiroz outpointed Venezuelan Reinaldo Becerra, 10. Becerra was rated number one in the world among junior flyweights by the WBC.
(10-07-83)

▲**SAN CARLOS**—Junior bantamweight Jesús Rafael (Pantoño) Oronó retained his WBC title by halting Orlando Maldonado, Puerto Rico, in the fifth.
(10-29-83)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

▲**DUDLEY—Town Hall**—Paul Chance, Wednesbury, outscored Mickey Baker, 142, Worcester, over eight by 79-78½.

Gavin Stirrup, 153, Manchester, outscored Davey Cox, 146, Northampton, over eight by 80-76½.

Frankie Robinson, 212, Wednesbury, kayoed Godfrey Hibbert, 218, Nottingham, with a left hook in round four.

Gary Gethin, 161, Tredegar, outpointed Johnny Elliott, also 161, Telford, over six by 59-58½.

Danny Myers, 148, Northampton, beat Mark Hill, 150, Wednesbury. The bout was stopped in round two when Hill was cut near the left eye after an accidental clash of heads.

Deka Williams, 178, West Bromwich, outpointed Paul Heatley, 177, Manchester, over six by 59½-58½.
(09-20-83)

▲**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—There were only two bouts on this card.

Vince Gajny, 162, Stratford-on-Avon, outscored Cameron Lithgow, 161¼, Swindon, over eight by 78½-77½. Both were warned for misuse of the head.

Harry Cowap, 170½, Balham, outpointed Romal Ambrose, 170, Leicester, over eight by 80-77. Ambrose had not fought in 18 months.
(09-20-83)

▲**LONDON—Grosvenor House**—British light welterweight champion Clinton McKenzie, 141½, Croydon, knocked out Tommy McCallum, 142½, Edinburgh, with body blows in the fourth session.

Clyde Ruan, 125, Slough, outpointed Mark West, 125½, Newhaven, over 10 by 98½-97½. This was an eliminator for the Southern Area Featherweight title.

Ian Colbeck, 120, Hartlepool, outscored fellow debutant Kevin Downer, 117½, Shoreditch, over six by 59½-58.

Graham Griffin, 144½, Corby, stopped Mick Ellaway, 144, Rochdale, with two knockdowns in the first.
(09-20-83)

▲**CARDIFF—St David's Hall**—David Pearce, 202½, Newport, won the British heavyweight crown by stopping the defending champion, 37-year-old Neville Meade, 216½, Swansea, just before the end of the ninth round.

Meade was down in the eighth, when Pearce took advantage of Neville's slipping in a puddle of water, and the bout was halted in the following round with the champ sagging on the ropes.

This was the last British title fight scheduled for 15 rounds, the contracts having been signed prior to the present 12-round rule.

Rudi Pika, 205, Cardiff, outscored Winston Allen, 195¼, Cardiff over eight by 79½-77½.

Steve Sims, 127, Newport, outscored Chito Adigue, Philippines, over 10 by 98½-97.

David Garrard, 208½, Hartlepool, outpointed Andy Gerrard, also 208½, Risca, over eight by 79½-77½. Many thought it a lot closer.

Mark Pearce, 124, Cardiff, and David Pratt, 124¾, Leicester, drew, six.

Graham Clarke, 122½, Cardiff, outpointed Clinton Campbell, 127, Stoke, oversix by 60-58½. This confirmed a previous points win. Clarke is still unbeaten.
(09-22-83)

▲**LONDON—Lyceum**—Former British, Commonwealth, and European heavyweight champion John L. Gardner, 217, made a comeback at the age of 30 and stopped Ricky James, 192½, Rugby, who retired at the end of round six with an injured right hand.

James was cut near both eyes, and was decked in the fifth round.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Joe Bugner (England)
3. Gord Racette (Canada)
4. David Pearce (Wales)
5. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
6. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
7. Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
8. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
9. Funso Banjo (England)
10. George Stankovich (New Zealand)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Tony Mundine (Australia)
3. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Tom Collins (England)
6. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
7. Don LaLonde (Canada)
8. Ernie Barr (Australia)
9. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
10. Dennis Andries (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Mark Kaylor (England)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Richie Roberts (Australia)
5. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
6. Steve Dennis (Australia)
7. Errol Christie (England)
8. Jimmy Price (England)
9. Glen McEwan (England)
10. Alex Hilton (Canada)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
4. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
5. Prince Rodney (England)
6. Jimmy Batten (England)
7. Brian Anderson (England)
8. Jimmy Cable (England)
9. Nelson Bosso (Canada)
10. Steve Renwick (Australia)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Mario Cusson (Canada)
3. Frank Ropis (Australia)
4. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
5. Mark Harris (Guyana)
6. Sakarai Ve (Tonga)
7. Dave Hilton (Canada)
8. Cliff Gilpin (England)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
10. Donnie Poole (Canada)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Clinton McKenzie (England)
2. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
3. Brian Janssen (Australia)
4. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
5. Nick Furlano (Canada)
6. Terry Marsh (England)
7. Alan Lamb (England)
8. Pat Leglise (Australia)
9. Vernon Vanreil (England)
10. Gary Knight (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Claude Noel (Trinidad)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Barry Michael (Australia)
3. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
4. Ray Cattouse (England)
5. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
7. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
8. Pierre Huneault (Canada)
9. Tony Willis (England)
10. Winston Spencer (England)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
3. John Sichula (Zambia)
4. Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
2. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
3. Steve Sims (Wales)
4. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
5. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
6. Paul Huggins (England)
7. Thunder Clottey (Ghana)
8. Clyde Ruan (England)
9. Brian Schofield (Australia)
10. Dennis Talbot (Australia)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. John Feeney (England)
4. Davy Larmour (Ireland)
5. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Peter Jones (Wales)
8. Ray Gilbody (England)
9. Dave George (Wales)
10. Hector Clottey (Ghana)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Keith Wallace (England)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
4. Ian Clyde (Canada)
5. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Junior Thompson (Australia)
8. Duke McKenzie (England)
9. Bobby Williams (Australia)
10. Kam Chand (Australia)

Dennis Andries, 174, Hackney, kayoed Keith Bristol, 174½, Clapham, in the fourth round to retain his Southern Area light heavy crown. Andries' last three wins have all come on fourth round knockouts.

Karl Canwell, Stoke Newington, kayoed Carlton Benoit, 182, Hackney, in the seventh with a left to the jaw. This confirmed a previous victory.

Paul Cook, 140, Bethnal Green, halted Bobby Welburn, also 140, Hull, in the fourth session. Cook has now scored four straight wins, all inside the distance.

Steve Ellwood, 145, Peckham, stayed unbeaten by outpointing Dennis Sullivan, Plymouth, over eight by 80-76.

Tommy Frankham, 133½, Kentish Town, outscored fellow debutant Kenny Watson, 136¼, Thornton, over six by 59-58½.

Barry Ellis, 203, Clapham, made his pro debut by outpointing Mark Cleverly, 209, Southampton, over six by 59½-58½.
(09-22-83)

▲**LONGFORD—Crest Hotel**—Rocky Kelly, 148½, Acton, kayoed Gary Pearce, 148, Newport, with a right to the body in round two. Kelly is managed by Harry Holland, who promoted the sell-out show.

Steve Watt, 147, Hayes, survived two early knockdowns to stop Dominic Bergonzi, 148, Wandsworth, in round five.

Dennis O'Brien, 153, Acton, halted Tony Baker, 157, New Cross, with one knockdown at 0:45 of the first.
(09-23-83)

RON OLVER

ORIENT

JAPAN

▲**HAMAMATSU—City Gymnasium**—Hiroyuki Aikata, 114, polished off Yasuhiro Kinoshita, 114¼, in 2:55 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Aikata is now 6-5-1 with four kayoes.

Kenjiro Kawai, 129¾, halted Akihiko Abiru, 129¾, at 0:22 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Masato Tanaka, 116¾, stopped Ryuji Tanimura, 117, at 1:02 of round two in their scheduled six. Tanaka is now 6-2-1 with five knockouts.

Takashi Yokozeki, 119, outscored Seiichi Hijiri, also 119, six.

Junya Hamada, 125¼, kayoed Takushi Yoshikawa, 124¼, in 1:47 of the first round in another scheduled six to win the Central Japan *Shinjin-o* featherweight crown.

Hitoshi Taniuchi, 110, stopped Masahiko Chinen, 111, at 0:46 of the second round in their scheduled six to win the Central Japan *Shinjin-o* flyweight title.

Four-rounders: Chunji Nishikawa, 128¾, halted Motohira Mochizuki, 128½, at 1:56 of the third. Koichiro Akiyama, 121¾, outpointed Michio Sakai, 121.

Seien Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,200 (estimated).
(10-08-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hiroshi Yamamoto, 117¼, TKO'd Keo Suzuki, also 117¼, the JBC's fourth ranked bantamweight, at 1:23 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Referee Uchida stopped the bout due to a cut. Yamamoto is now 8-7-2 with four knockouts. Suzuki is 12-3 with four kayoes.

Southpaw Keiji Koizumi, 121½, knocked out Chojun Yara, 122, in 3:06 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Koizumi is now 8-1-1 with three kayoes. Yara is 3-5-1 with two knockouts.

Four-rounders: Eiji Kikusaki, 139¼, and Makoto Yagihashi, 139½, drew. Kenan Nakama, 106¾, younger brother of former Japanese junior fly champ Kentoku, outscored Masahiko Kubota, 107½. Shinichi Enomoto, 125½, won a majority decision over Kazutoshi Yoshida, 125½. Hitoshi Sato, 112, outpointed Tetsuya Muraoka, 111¾. Yoshiharu Yokoshoji, 115, and Naoki Morioka, 113¾, drew. Isamu Sakuma, 122, outscored Hiroshi Hishiyama, 121½. Koji Takahashi, 125½, ran his log to 4-0 outscoring Tomomi Shimabukuro, 124¾. Masaaki Iida, 114¼, stopped Toshiki Kawabata, 113¼, at 2:35 of the third round. Tomoo Matsumoto, 107¾, polished off Tomi Itokazu, 107, in the opener.

Soka Arisawa Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,200 (estimated).
(10-10-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Mutsuo Watanabe, 112, scored a stunning knockout over the fast rising Kazuhiro Ikeda, also 112, the JBC's second ranked junior flyweight, in 2:02 of round seven in a scheduled 10.

Ikeda, trying for an early kayo, ran into a combo and took a standing eight-count in the fourth. He fought back well, but Watanabe's counterpunches dropped him for the full count in the seventh.

Watanabe is now 10-6-3 with five kayoes. Ikeda, 20, is 14-3 with nine knockouts. Hiroyuki Tezaki, referee.

Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 128½, younger brother of ex-WBC champion Ricardo, TKO'd southpaw Gen Tosa, 129¼, at 1:40 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Takeshi Shimakawa, referee. Arredondo is now 2-1 in Japan. Tosa is 13-6-1 with five kayoes.

Jorge Mercado, 135, Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Kozaburo Ichihara, 134½, eight. Ichihara was down in the first and third.

Four-rounders: Hiroaki Niitsu, 129¼, halted Tomoyuki Oya, 128¾, at 1:15 of the second. Hideo Tomita, 128, kayoed Michio Shimbo, 129, in 2:29 of the second. Toru Onodera, 114¼, outscored Osamu Sasajima, 110¼. Takahiro Oda, 122, stopped Michio Kurosawa, 121½, at 2:38 of the third round. Yoshinari Morimoto, 107¾, narrowly outpointed Koji Yagiu, 106½, in the opener.

This program was dedicated to former Japanese bantamweight champion Shuichi Isogami, who announced his retirement. Isogami, who once challenged Jorge Luna for the WBA title, finished with an overall pro log of 30-6-4 with 20 kayoes.

Shinto Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(10-11-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Southpaw Tsuyoshi Hamada, 137½, Okinawa, flattened Domy Soriano, also 137½, Phillippines, in 3:09 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Hamada, 22, is now 12-1 with 12 kayoes. Ken Morita, referee.

Nobuyuki Tabata, 145¼, kayoed Gar Atayde, 142, Philippines, with a solid right in 1:49 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Tabata, this year's All-Japan *Shinjin-o* winner, is now 10-0 with nine kayoes. Atayde is 17-4-2 with eight knockouts. Kiyoshi Kazama, referee.

Masaaki Miyata, 129½, won a close but unanimous decision over Isamu Teramoto, 128½, eight. Teramoto, the JBC's seventh ranked junior lightweight, dropped Miyata in the final round. Miyata is now 11-7 with eight kayoes. Teramoto is 7-1 with six knockouts.

Four-rounders: Noboru Tsuzuganuki, 154½, stopped Tetsuo Atobe, 157¾, at 2:04 of the third round. Shunji Tsuchiya, 111¼, outscored Koichi Shirakawa, 111¾. Kosuke Yokoyama, 146, halted Yuji Maehara, 145, at 2:16 of the third session. Promising Yasuji Shimoji, 129, polished off Masahiro Tsuda, 130, in 2:36 of the first. Toshihiro Hashiguchi, 128¾, outscored Yasuyuki Nakayama, 130, in the opener.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(10-14-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Tadashi Shimabukuro, 111¾, knocked out Hiroyasu Kato, 112, in 2:10 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. The lanky Shimabukuro is now 7-0 with five knockouts. Kato, the JBC's fifth ranked flyweight contender, is 10-4-1 with six kayoes. Masakazu Uchida, referee.

Hard puching southpaw Young Hideo, 133, took Kojiro Sasaki, 135, apart with four knockdowns in 1:39 of round four in their scheduled 10. Young, 24, is now 10-5 with eight kayoes. Kojiro, 28, is 14-19-10 with six knockouts.

Kazushi Maehara, 127½, demolished lefty Shigemichi Wakatsuki, 128½, in 2:55 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Maehara, the JBC's eighth ranked junior lightweight, is now 7-3-2 with six kayoes. Wakatsuki, this year's East Japan *Whinjin-o* winner, is 6-3 with one knockout.

Kazuo Osamu, 118¾, knocked out Masakatsu Sakuma, also 118¾, in 2:14 of the sixth and final round. Osamu, 22, is now 13-2-1 with six kayoes.

Four-rounders: Seiji Hara, 114¼, outscored Shinji Takei, 113¼. Atsushi Hoki, 114½, kayoed taller Katsuhiro Haneji, 115, in 1:44 of the first. Masahito Wada, 120¼, halted Koji Ueda, 121, at 1:36 of the third. Shinichiro Ueda, 120¼, stopped Masao Komine, also 120¼, at 1:37 of the second in the opener.

This card was dedicated to former Japanese bantamweight champion Hurricane Teru, who announced his retirement. Teru, who challenged Lupe Pintor for the latter's WBC title on September 28, 1981, finished with an overall pro record of 35-13-3 with 15 kayoes. He now trains Tadashi Shimabukuro, a bright prospect, for the Ishikawa Gym.

Ishikawa Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(10-27-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Former Korean junior flyweight champion Ho-Chul Pyun, 112¾, kayoed southpaw Racer Hashimoto, 112½, with a left uppercut to the liver in 2:16 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Hiroyuki Tezaki, referee.

Masanao Ishikawa, 118, knocked out Hiroaki Imazu, also 118, with a heavy overhand right in 3:08 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Ishikawa is now 5-0-1 with two kayoes. Imazu is 5-3-1 with one knockout

Tiger Michigami, 126¾, won a unanimous decision over Hideki Ishida, also 126¾, eight. The aggressive Michigami is now 7-1 with six kayoes. Ishida is 7-4-1 with three knockouts.

Mitsuru Nanamegi, 122, stopped Toru Kaburagi, 121½, at 2:53 of round two in a scheduled six.

Former smateur star Katsuhide Nomura, 149, halted Yu Takagi, 150, at 2:34 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Kazuichi Murata, 118¾, stopped Koheita Tanaka, also 118¾, at 2:12 of the second. Kenichi Ishii, 125, won a majority decision over Kimio Koyama, 126. Nobuyuki Sudo, 116¾, won a split duke overe Moriyoshi Wada, 116½, in the opener.

Kawakami Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,600 (estimated).
(10-27-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese junior flyweight champion Tetsumi Takeshita, 108, retained his crown by stopping former champ Katsumi Sato, 107¼, at 2:15 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Takeshita, 22, is now 10-1 with eight kayoes. Sato, who went down three times, is 12-13-5 with two knockouts. Takeshita afterwards relinquished the throne due to an injury to his upper lift. He had been scheduled to defend against

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2. Young Haumona (Australia)
3. Terry Archer (Australia)
4. Wally Carr (Australia)
5. Larry Tatoo (Australia)
6. Leo Moore (Australia)
7. Jeff Peate (Australia)
8. Fetaiki Namoa (Australia)
9. Sid Hatch (Australia)
10. Roy Bijkirk (Australia)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Tony Mundine (Australia)
2. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
3. Gary Hubble (Australia)
4. Young Haumona (Australia)
5. Wally Carr (Australia)
6. Niki Skoric (Australia)
7. Stam Bogovic (Australia)
8. Johnny Layton (Australia)
9. Steve Cansdell (Australia)
10. Roy Bijkirk (Australia)

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Champion
Gary Hubble (Australia)
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2. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
3. Emmanuel Otti (Australia)
4. Young Stone (Australia)
5. Tom West (Australia)
6. Peter Hewitt (Australia)
7. Steve Cansdell (Australia)
8. Robert Hall (Australia)
9. Pat Hailwood (Australia)
10. No Listing

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Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Kentoku Senrima (Japan)
2. Richie Roberts (Australia)
3. Chang-Il Lim (Korea)
4. Suwarno (Indonesia)
5. Kyung-Min Nah (Korea)
6. Steve Dennis (Australia)
7. Shinji Tojyo (Japan)
8. Polly Pasiron (Indonesia)
9. Chang-Hwan Noh (Korea)
10. Kenji Miyata (Japan)

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Champion
In-Chul Baek (Korea)
1. Albert Bupaimo (Indonesia)
2. Jae-Hyung Yuh (Korea)
3. Tadashi Mihara (Japan)
4. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
5. Jung-Ho Kim (Korea)
6. Katsuhiro Sawada (Japan)
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1. Tomas Americo (Indonesia)
2. Allan Alegria (Phillippines)
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4. Hidekazu Akai (Japan)
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Champion
Juari (Indonesia)
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2. Amy Pacana (Philippines)
3. Suk-Kyu Park (Korea)
4. Barry Michael (Australia)
5. Hikaru Tomonari (Japan)
6. Lito Pena (Philippines)
7. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
8. Downthong Chuvatana (Thailand)
9. Cheyenne Yamamoto (Japan)
10. Kyu-Woon Choi (Korea)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rod Sequenan Philippines)
1. Hyung-Kil Chun (Korea)
2. Luluk Uswahir (Indonesia)
3. Yonekura Ikhoni (Japan)
4. Sak Galexi (Thailand)
5. Brian Schofield (Australia)
6. Geron Porras (Philippines)
7. Sung-Yul Moon (Korea)
8. Al Duran (Philippines)
9. Phadedsuk Pisnurachun (Thailand)
10. Gary Williams (Australia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
1. Joko Arter (Indonesia)
2. Hiroyuki Kobayashi (Japan)
3. Sul Inting (Philippines)
4. Kee-Young Chung (Korea)
5. Ronald Sumalis (Philippines)
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JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ji-Won Kim (Korea)
1. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (Japan)
2. Monod (Indonesia)
3. Little Bangoyan (Philippines)
4. Jim Bowen (Australia)
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6. Takuya Muguruma (Japan)
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9. Yingyai Petchvichan (Thailand)
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Eijiro Murata (Japan)
1. Edward (Indonesia)
2. Mitsuo Imazato (Japan)
3. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)
4. Amado Cabato (Philippines)
5. Ram Chartbandit (Thailand)
6. Tae-Sang Chun (Korea)
7. Manachai Sorvatana (Thailand)
8. Pablo Pepito (Philippines)
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2. Joo-Do Chun (Korea)
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Champion
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1. Steve Bell (Australia)
2. Little Baguio (Philippines)
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4. Romy Navarrete (Philippines)
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transplanted Mexican, German Torres, in the coming Carnival of Champions.

Southpaw Hiroyuki Tada, 110, stopped Toriumi Goju, 109¾, with three knockdowns in 2:35 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Tada, a powder puff puncher, is now 13-6-1 with five kayoes. Toriumi is 10-8-1 with seven knockouts.

Yoshimu Oyama, 125, was held to a majority draw by Rusher Kawaguchi, 124¾, 10. The scores were 96-96, 97-97, and 97-95, Oyama.

Teruyuki Shimada, 117, kayoed Norio Hasegawa, 117½, with three knockdowns in 2:45 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Makito Gamoo, 126, stopped Junichi Futagami, 125¼, at 0:49 of the third. Mantis Shikakura, 130¼, outscored Yukio Yonesu, 131½, in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).

(10-31-83)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▲HONGSON—Hongson Gymnasium—Dong-Koo Woo, 136¾, knocked out Sa-Wang Kim, 136½, in 1:15 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Woo is now 13-6-2 with eight kayoes. Kim, who once fought Eusebio Pedroza for the WBA featherweight title, is 19-3 with 14 knockouts.

Sung-Yul Moon, 135, halted Tae-Kuk Park, 135¼, at 1:23 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10.

Four-rounders: Chong-Koo Moon, 113¼, outscored Kyung-Ho Joo, 113½. Jong-Soo Choi, 110, halted Sang-Joung Kim, 109½, at 0:57 of the second. Hi-Keun Shin, 113¾, and Jung-Ki Kim, 114½, drew. Jae-Min Lee, 135¼, halted Tae-Shik Song, 136½, at 1:13 of the fourth and final session. Byung-Kwan Chung, 108½, outpointed Nam-Chun Park, 108¼, in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions. KBS TV.

(10-08-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Min-Keun Oh, 126, won the OPBF featherweight title by knocking out defending champion Divino Inocian, 125, in 1:33 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. Inocian was also decked in the first and third.

Oh is now 11-2 with three kayoes. Inocian is 29-6-2 with 18 knockouts.

Han Park, 136, won a technical decision over Thai lightweight champion Downthong Chuvatana, 135½, when their scheduled 10 was stopped at 2:32 of the fifth. Park is now 11-2 with five knockouts. Downthong is 19-6 with 16 kayoes.

Yang-Soo Park, 121¾, outscored You-Kyong How, 122, eight.

Four-rounders: Sang-Joo Mo, 137¼, halted Byung-Ki Choi, 147½, at 1:06 of the third. Jae-Chun Lee, 112½, outscored Sang-Oh Park, 111¾, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV.

(10-09-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—OPBF junior welter champ Eung-Shik Kim, 140 retained his title by stopping Flash Romeo, 139½, Philippines, at 2:25 of the third round in a scheduled 12. The ref wisely called a halt after Romeo was floored twice.

Kim is now 8-0 with six kayoes. Romeo is 24-6-2 with 11 knockouts.

Chan-Yung Park, 120¼, outscore;d Sung-Moon Choi, 120½, eight. Park is now 15-3-2 with three kayoes. Choi is 11-5-4 with five knockouts.

Ok-Kyun Yuh, 118, and Kap-Sup Song, 119¼, had their scheduled 10 declared a technical draw at 0:37 of the fourth round. Yuh is now 9-2-1 with four kayoes. Song is 8-2-3 with two knockouts.

Four-rounders: Hong-Kil Kim, 110, outscored Byung-Kyu Lee, 109¾. Hi-Jun Hong, 122¼, outpointed Yong-Man Chun, also 122¼. Jong-Jin Chung, 118½,m outscored Sang-Chul Lee, 119. Chul-Ki Hong 132¼, outscored Jong-Sang Cha, also 132½, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV.

(10-16-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Korean lightweight champion Hyung-Kil Chun, 132, outscored Bert Lozano, 131½, Philippines, 10. Chun is now 17-2 with five kayoes. Lozano, the Filipino GAB's top ranked contender, is 27-6-5 with 11 knockouts.

Korean bantamweight champion Dong-Chun Lee, 117¾, kept his crown with a sixth round (1:04) TKO over Chong-Chul Park, also 117¾, in their scheduled 10. Lee is now 15-5-1 with five kayoes. Park is 14-5-4 with two knockouts.

Byung-Sun Yuh, 140¾, outscored Rang-Gu Park, 141, six.

Four-rounders: Sung-Hyun Kang, 116¼, outpointed Chang-Bae Ahn, 116½. Jo-Un Park, 109½, decisioned Jae-Nam Choi, 108½. Suk-Sun Hong, 113¾, and Suk-Dong Kong, 114¾, drew. Hyung-Chul Kim, 125½, kayoed Sung-Ho Hong, 125¾, in 3:07 of the second. Eung-Ki Lee, 127¾, halted Nea-Duk Kim, 129¾, at 0:59 of the second in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(10-21-83)

▲INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium—Ho-Man Kim, 121¾, won the vacant Korean junior featherweight title by knocking out In-Kil Kang, also 121¾, in 0:10 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. (In Korea, if a boxer fails to answer the bell for the start of a round, the referee counts him out in his corner and the bout is recorded as ended in a knockout at 0:10 of the new inning.) Ji-Won Kim had given up the crown in order to accept an OPBF title shot. (A Korean champion who fights for the OPBF title must relinquish his national throne.)

Kim is now 9-3-2 with three knockouts. Kang is 13-7-3 with four kayoes.

Han-Chung Kim, 127¾, halted Song-Hwa Chin, 128¼, at 2:23 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10. Kim is now 9-1-2 with six kayoes. Chin, who had been ranked third by the KBC, is 6-4-2.

Four-rounders: Chul-Ho Kim (not the former WBC junior bantamweight champ), 118, outpointed Hwak-Ju Lee, 119¼. Yong-Hwan Lee, 117½, stopped Yong-Ki Hwang, 118½, at 2:14 of the second. Sung-Jae Kim, 109¼, outscored Sang-Kon Lee, 110. Kap-Dong Park, 112, halted Ro-Jun Park, 112½, at 2:04 of the third. Chang-Ho Kim, 109¼, outpointed Sung-Keun Choi, 110¼. Jae-Chul Kim, 107, halted Byung-Woo Chung, 107¾, at 1:22 of the third round in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions.

(10-22-83)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Rod Sequenan, 130, Philippines, retained his OPBF junior lightweight title by stopping Korean champion Jin-Shik Choi, 129½, at 1:49 of the 12th and final round.

Scoring after 11: referee Takeo Ugo (Japan), 108-107, Choi; judge Chin-Un Chung (Korea), 108-106, Choi; judge Francisco (Philippines), 109-104, Sequenan. The aggressive Choi was leading after nine rounds, and decided to play it safe with defensive tactics from then on. The gutsy Filipino kept on trying, though, and knocked Choi down with a wicked left in the 11th. The Korean arose, but was knocked down again, and referee Ugo stopped the bout as Sequenan swarmed over the challenger. Sequenan is now 26-3 with nine kayoes. Choi is 9-1 with eight knockouts.

Korean junior flyweight champion Jae-Hong Kim, 109¾, won a unanimous decision over Armando Barzuela, 110, Philippines, 10. Kim is now 8-0-1 with five kayoes. Barzuela is 10-5-1 with four knockouts.

Chun-Hwan Choi, 108¼, outscored Chang-Yung Chang, 108¾, 10. Choi is now 9-0 with three kayoes. Chang is 10-5.

Yang-Ki Lee, 131, halted Hyun-Tae Kim, 130¼, at 1:36 of the sixth and final session.

Sung-Mo Kang, 118¼, stopped Yong-Shik Kim, 118¾, at 2:30 of the fourth round in their scheduled six.

Sun-Yong Chung, 108½, outpointed Chi-Ok Kim, 108¾, in the four-round opener.

Saeki Promotions. MBC TV.

(10-23-83)

▲TAEGU—Taegu Indoor Gymnasium—Thai trial horse Prayurasak Muangsurin, 116¾, won an upset verdict over former WBC super flyweight champion Chul-Ho Kim, also 116¾, 10. Kim, who had not fought since losing his title to Rafael Orono on November 28, 1982, seemed to lack his usual zip. Leading on points after seven, Kim was floored twice in the eighth and lost the last three rounds. He's now 19-3-2 with nine kayoes.

Seung-Hoon Lee, 123, the WBC's sixth ranked super bantam, won a unanimous decision over Ranato Pautino, also 123, Philippines, 10. Pautino took a standing eight-count in the final session.

Korean junior bantamweight champion Joo-Do Chun, 114¾, won a unanimous decision over Hoi-Yul Yang, 113½, the KBC's top ranked contender, 10, to retain his crown. Chun is now 13-1-3 with four kayoes. Yang is 9-3-2.

Joung-Hyun Kim, 110, and Yuk-Dong Ahn, 109¾, drew, eight.

Six-rounders: Chong-Ha Jin, 136½, outpointed Sun-Woo Chung, 135. Sok Sol, 111½, outscored Sung-Chul Kim, 111¾.

Four-rounders: Jung-Mok Lim, 135½, outpointed Tae-Il Oh, 136¾. Chong-Hyun Chung, 131¾, and Han-Woo Park, 130¼, drew. Min-Suk Chai, 125¾, and Byung-Youn Kim, 127, drew. Kung-Soo Choi, 109, outscored Dae-Jin Kim, 109½, in the opener. (10-23-83)

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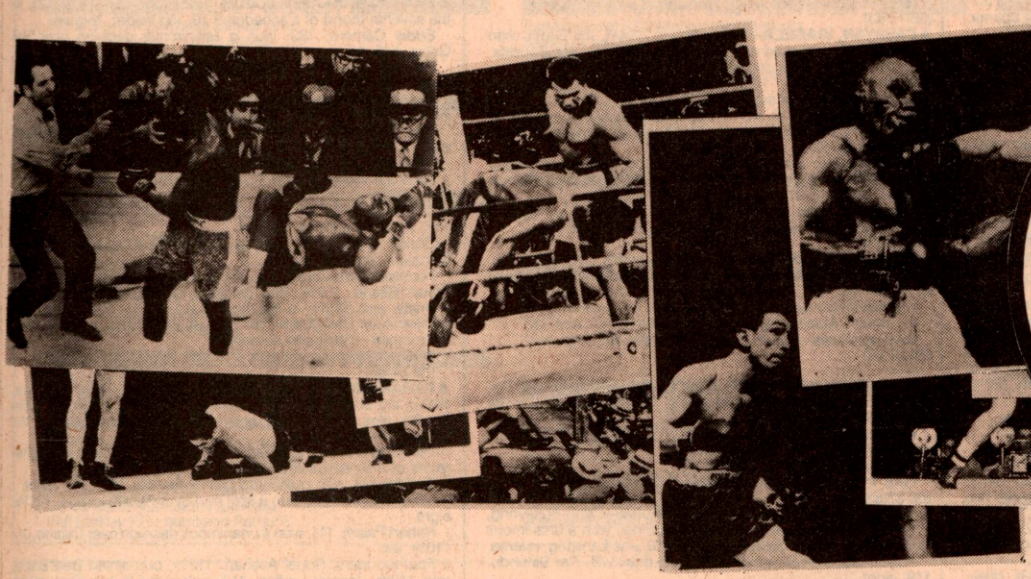

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▲**JINJU—Jinju Student Gymnasium**—Allan Alegria, 141¼, Philippines, scored an upset knockout over Sang-Ho Kim, also 141¼, the WBC's second ranked junior welter, in 1:28 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Kim had been slated to face Johnny Bumphus for the vacant WBA title.

Kim won the first two rounds, but ran into an uppercut in round three for the first of three knockdowns and an automatic knockout loss. Sang-Ho's manager, Kyu-Chul Kim, has demanded a rematch within two months, but his charge's chance to fight Bumphus for the WBA crown have gone out the proverbial window.

Kim is now 30-1 with 25 knockouts.

Sang-Moon Suh, 140, and Keun-Young Nam, 141, drew, 10. Suh, the KBC's fourth ranked junior welter, is now 3-0—all knockouts. Nam is 8-5-1 with three kayoes.

Oh-Kong Jon, 110, halted Chong-Kuk Son, also 110, at 1:25 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Byuk-Man Lee, 119¾, outscored Sung-Ho Kim, 118½, eight.

Sung-Ki Jin, 148½, won by a disqualification over Jung-Won Park, also 148½, at the end of round four in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Jun-Oh Choi, 111¼, halted Jin-Hyung Han, also 111¼, at 0:34 of the third round. Sun-Il Kuk, 111, outscored Pu-Shik Lee, also 111, Yong-Won Kim, 127, stopped Wo-Soo Kim, 128, at 2:23 of the second in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions. MBC TV.
(10-29-83)

▲**EUJOUNGBU—city Arena**—Former Korean junior featherweight champion Ji-Won Kim, 122, won the vacant OPBF crown with a unanimous decision over Filipino titlist Little Bangoyan, 121¾, 12. The crown was vacant due to Soon-Hyun Chung's announced retirement.

Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa (Japan) and judge Kwang-Soo Kim (Korea), both 120-114; judge Francisco (Philippines), 119-115. Kim, now 7-0-1, was just too fast for Bangoyan.

Hi-Suk Kim, 113¾, knocked out former OPBF junior fly champ Sung-Nam Kim, also 113¾, in 2:23 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Hi-Suk is now 13-1-2 with three kayoes. Sung-Nam, a southpaw, is 21-7-3 with 12 knockouts.

Sung-Yun Kim, 127¾, outscored Tae-Yung Choi, 127¼, eight.

Byung-Suk Park, 131¾, outpointed Eu-Chong Chung, 132¾, eight.

Four-rounders: Dong-Hwan Yum, 113¾, outscored Soo-Hwan Kim, 114. Duk-Soo Park, 141, halted Kyung-Chae Yuh, 140, at 0:55 of the fourth and final session. Won-Bum Kim, 114¼, stopped Suk-Bong Kim, 113½, at 1:57 of the first. In-Nam Kim, 122½, outpointed Sung-Chun Chang, 123¾. Kyu-In Heang, 119¼, outscored Chong-Suk Hong, 118, in the opener.

Sangwon Promotions. MBC TV.
(10-29-83)

▲**DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Former Korean flyweight champion Soon-Jun Kang, 111¾, outscored Sang-Moon Lee, 112, 10. Kang is now 16-3-1. Lee is 9-10-3 with two kayoes.

Kyu-Woon Choi, 136¾, easily stopped Sugar Ray Roland, 136¼, Philippines, at 2:53 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Choi is now 16-3 with nine kayoes.

Jun-Yung Chang, 118¾, and Cha-Suk Oh, also 118¾, drew, six.

Four-rounders: Hyung-Nam Lim, 113, and Yun-Ki Yuh, 112, drew. Hyun-Chun Chi, 113½, outpointed Tae-Young Kwon, 112¾. Kap-Moon Shin, 110, and Chong-Moon Park, also 110, drew. Sung-Jun Park, 120, and Young-Ho Kang, 120¼, drew in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.
(10-29-83)

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PHILIPPINES

▲**ABATAN, BUGIAS, BENGUET**—Rudy Palicua, 111, the GAB's eighth ranked flyweight, TKO'd Flash Antonio, 110, at 2:45 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Former Oriental junior lightweight champion Oscar Reyes, referee.

Venecio Esteban, 128, stopped Rene Maglente, also 128, in the sixth session of their scheduled 10.

Six-rounders: Bert Pucay, 116, TKO'd Rey Villaflores, also 116, in the fourth. Danny Adangla, 123, halted Rolando Angel, 125, in the second.

Four-rounders: Bonnie Bangsoyao, 114, stopped Joseph Aspero, also 114, in the second. Bobby Castillo, 120, halted Pio Bangsoyao, also 120, in the fourth and final session.

Promoter—Felixberto Jardenil.

GAB witness—Virgilio de los Reyes.
(08-03-83)

▲**MARILAO, BULACAN**—Edel Geronimo, 110, was held to a majority draw by Tito Gregorio, also 110, 10. Onofre Perez, referee.

Elmet Leonardo, 128, won a unanimous decision over Lito Pablo, 130, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Bert Gomez, 118, outpointed Jun Mangahas, 120, eight.

Boy Negro, 127, outscored Joen Sibulan, 125, six.

Four-rounders: Bobby Pinos, 119, and Bon Hermo, 118, drew. Jesus Osanio, 127, outscored Anthony Pasus, 130. Carlos Castigador, 118, narrowly outpointed Sonny Abelardo, 117. Nilo Prendiana, 118, outscored Mar Pacayra, 116. Manny Fernandez, 112½, outpointed Bong de Jesus, also 112½. Samuel Pasigan, 118, outscored Roger Obina, 119, in the opener.

Promoter—Felimon Vasquez.

GAB witnesses—Mauro Dizon, Romulo Santiago.
(08-06-83)

▲**SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA**—Almario Sicat, 118, won a unanimous decision over Polly Barce, also 118, 10. D. Rodenas, referee.

Armando Barsuela, 112, TKO'd Perez, Jr., also 112, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10.

Rolando Navarro, 118, and Boy Rubin, also 118, drew 10.

Juanito Favila, 124, outscored Boy Negro, also 124, in the six-round opener.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

GAB witnesses—Carlos M. Dizon, Carlos S. Roman.
(08-13-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Mar Simbajon, 141½, the GAB's second ranked welter, stopped Romulo Oguimas, 146, in the third round of a scheduled 10. Larry Nadayag, referee.

Joe Hiyas, 120, and Rito Donayre, 119, had their scheduled 10 declared a tech draw in theeighth.

Sil Golosino, 112, won a unanimous decision over Henry Balina, 111, 10.

Boy Abuela, 120, halted Martin Casal, also 120, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Julius Oligario, 113, outscored Bong de Jesus, 113½. Efren Aranas, 119½, outpointed Jun Luna, 119. Nilo Prendiana, 120, TKO'd Jerry Jariol, 123, in the third round of the opener.

Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.

GAB witnesses—Romulo S. Santiago, Carlos M. Dizon.
(08-17-83)

▲**CAUAYAN, ISABELA**—Geron Porras, 134½, the GAB's sixth ranked lightweight, eked out a majority verdict over Jun Bautista, 135, 10. Onofre Perez, referee.

Rolando Magramo, 135, halted Sandy Torres, 134, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10.

Eduardo Bucton, 116, won a unanimous decision over veteran Sandy Noora, 122½, the GAB's fourth ranked junior featherweight, 10.

Four-rounders: Ric Miranda, 120, outpointed Edgar Popoy Geronimo, also 120. Marcelo Aquino, 112, outscored Ramon Hernale, also 112, in the opener.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Voltaire Reverente.
(08-20-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Ana Racing Club**—Dommy Circulado, 125, the GAB's 10th ranked featherweight, was held to a majority draw by Rey Aroita, 122, 10.

No preliminary bouts.

Promoter—Aurelio Reyes.

GAB witnesses—Mauro Dizon, Carlos Roman.
(08-22-83)

▲**SAN LUIS, AURORA PROVINCE**—Eddie Camero, 127½, won a unanimous decision over Ver Gatse, 128, 10. Onofre Perez, referee.

Fel Jardenil, 118, TKO'd Rene Brugada, also 118, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Felixberto Jardenil.

GAB witnesses—Romulo Santiago, Voltaire Reverente.
(08-27-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Rene Busayong, 113, the GAB's top bantamweight contender, won a unanimous decision over Roger Castillo, also 113, 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

Pablito Lazola, 120, battled to a split draw with Ner Binondo, 119, eight.

Zaldy Ovillo, 129½, outscored Roger Onarosa, 130½, eight.

Six-rounders: Lou Marabe, Jr., 106, eked out a majority nod over Robert Palarit, 109½. Momong Manaay, 127, won a split duke over Nel Pioouinto, 126. Cesar Navarroza, 118, won a split decision over Jun Tito, 117½.

Four-rounders: Joseph Ladepi, 112, outscored Ric Pornillos, 110. Bert Baco, 110½, and Rodel Asehan, 112, ahd their bout declared a tech draw in the first. Little Embana, 108, eked out a split duke over Salvador de Mesa, 105, in the opener.

Galorde Enterprises.
(08-28-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Mar Simbajon, ranked second by the GAB among the welters, won a unanimous decision over Nilo Acido, 144, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Eight-rounders: Boy Abuela, 120, TKO'd Jovino Bello, 118, in the third. Edision Saladas, 133, outscored Pol Canana, 132. Eugene Morados, 111, won a split decision over Ernesto Rubiso, 109.

Four-rounders: Julius Oligario, 113, outscored Lorenzo Formanes, 109½. Efren Aranas, 117, outpointed Bobby Castillo, 118, in the opener.

Galorde Enterprises.

GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Benedicto Ronquillo.
(09-07-83)

▲**BAGUIO CITY—U.B. Gymnasium**—Little Balsigan, 132, won a unanimous decision over Elmer Leonardo, 133, 10. Oscar Reyes, referee.

Flash Romeo, 143, the GAB's top ranked junior welterweight contender, outscored Cisco Ferrer, 143, 10.

Rocky Arsenio, 113½, eked out a majority decision over Brigildo Canada, also 113½, 10.

Venesio Esteban, 128, TKO'd Jun Maniba, 127, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10.

Tony Agalatiw, 113, outscored Guiller de Gala, 114, eight.

Little Freddie, 121, stopped Danny Adangla, also 121, in six.

Jimmy Marahay, 113, and Ernie Alatiw, 110, drew, six.

Four-rounders: Edgar de la Rosa, 129, stopped Norkilen Tam, 127, in the second. Bert Chan, 107, halted Emerito de Gala, 108, in the second. Melchor Tacdoy, 113, halted Mareen Romar, 112, in the second round in the opener.

Promoter—Danilo Quinto.

GAB witnesses—Emmanuel Flores, Leonardo Trinidad.
(09-10-83)

▲**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Allan Makitoki, 117, outpointed former Filipino junior bantamweight champion Flash Jagdon, 121, 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

Jaime Enriquez, 125½, won a majority decision over Ador Seguin, 128, 10.

Domie Circulado, 122, outscored Al Allanita, 125, 10.

Samuel Pasigan, 117, outpointed Boy Caballas, 116½, six.

Manny Fernandez, 112½, outscored Tanny Savior, 110½, six.

Four-rounders: Sene Gliane, 118½, won a majority duke over Bobby Pinos, 119. Nes Lim, 134, outscored Urbano Quillinquen, 131. Boy Blanaca, 115½, TKO'd Joseph Aspero, 116½, in the first round. Ed Hemo, 105½, and Edito Rubis, 102½, drew in the opener.

Promoter—Capt. Dante Almario.

GAB witnesses—Virgilio de los Reyes.
(09-11-83)

▲**RIZAL**—Fel Jardenil, 122, won a unanimous decision over Rene Maglente, also 122, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Fel Malatag, 122, outscored Fel Aporto, also 122, 10.

Eddie Cejas, 135, TKO'd Joel Insular, also 135, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10.

Bert Gomez, 120, won a majority decision over Juanito Favila, also 120, eight.

Lucio Jasmines, 147, knocked out Jun Bartolome, also 147, in six.

Zaldy Mira, 118, won a split decision over Rudy Miranda, also 118, in the four-round opener.

Promoter—Felixberto Jardenil.

GAB witnesses—Valtaire Reverente, Carlos Dizon.
(09-16-83)

▲**PAMPAGNGA**—Benny Castro, 122, stopped Al Sicat, 121, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Eddie Camero, 132, won a unanimous decision over Ver Gatse, 145, 10.

Fred Galang, 148, outpointed former Oriental champion Fred Pastor, also 148, 10.

Former welterweight titlist Mike de Guzman, 147, TKO'd Romulo Oguimas, 145, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.

Prez Junior, 111½, eked out a majority verdict over Efren Bantilan, 112, in the 10-round opener.

Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.

GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Benedicto Ronquillo.
(09-24-83)

▲**QUEZON**—Flor Obina, 112½, outpointed Edward Buscton, 112, 10. Onofre Perez, referee.

Charlie Carola, 126, won a unanimous decision over Clem Gonzaga, also 126, 10.

Four-rounders: Zaldy Mira, 117¼, won a majority decision over Senen Gliane, 117¾. Rey del Valle, 135½, stopped Dondon Tromata, also 135½, in the third round. Bobby Pinos, 118, outpointed Ador Balagbagin, also 118, in the opener.

Promoter—Felixberto Jardenil.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Virgilio de los Reyes.
(09-24-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Allan Alegria, 141½, the GAB's second ranked welterweight, TKO'd Dionisio Castillo, also 141½, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Tito Gregorio, 113, stopped Sil Golosino, also 113, in the eighth round of their scheduled 10.

Boy Abuela, 122, outscored Danny Espiritu, also 122, eight.

Little Freddie, 122, won a split nod over Pablito Lazola, 121½, eight.

Robert Palarit, 111, won a unanimous decision over Capino, Jr., 110½, six.

Four-rounders: Rodel Asehan, 112½, outpointed Bert Baco, also 112½. Joseph Ladipe, 112, outscored Ruben Portugues, 113½. Salvador de Mesa, 101, outpointed Felipe Brazil, 107, in the opener.

Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.

GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Carlos Roman.
(09-28-83)

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THAILAND

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamanern Stadium**—Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, 116, kayoed Chokprasert H. Mahachai, 120, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(09-22-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Saksamuth Singsamang, 111, knocked out fellow southpaw Nongsanti Lookulab, 116, with a solid right hook in the first round of a scheduled six.
(09-23-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Paipetch Maungchumpair, 131, won an upset verdict over Phansaknoi Kiatkraisorn, 128, six. Paipetch, a southpaw making his pro debut, floored Kiatkraisorn in the second, opened up a cut on his left eyebrow, and piled up the points.
(09-26-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Former amateur star Chor Haphalang, 126, stopped Suriyah Pratumvadee, 122, in the third frame of a scheduled six. (Suriyah is Suriya's twin brother, the latter being the TBC's sixth ranked junior flyweight.)
(09-24-83)
(09-25-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Santi Donjadee, 126, the TBC's third ranked feather, halted Channoi Singsongphol, 123, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(09-25-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Prayoonsak (Prayurasak) Muangsurin, knocked out Charlongchai Singcaltex, 114, the TBC's top ranked flyweight contender, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight. Singcaltex had outpointed Muangsurin in a previous bout.
(09-28-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Somboonyos Singsamang, 118, kayoed Paksa Sithchula, 122, in the second round of a scheduled six.
((10-01-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Savatdee V. Chaimongkol, 117, halted Sangthong Sorgaipetch, also 117, the TBC's eighth ranked junior bantam, at the end of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Chaimongkol was coming off a six-year lay-off.
(10-03-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Santi Donjadee, 126, won an upset verdict over Yingyai Petchvichan, also 126, the TBC's top ranked junior featherweight, six.
Nakaraj Kiatsonthaya, 110, scored another upset by outpointing Yangyuan Lookbanlua, also 110, six.
(10-08-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai bantamweight champ Ram Charbandit, 122, won a unanimous decision over Pomdech Sornrama, also 122, six.
(10-11-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaosai Galassy, 116½, the WBC's top super fly contender, TKO'd Gil Ragas, 114,Philippines, at 1:37 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Ragas' corner threw the towel in after he was dropped for a count of nine.
(10-12-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thongtep Petchsriracha, 108, outscored Samart Sakadam, 112, six.
(10-13-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai flyweight kingpin Nongberd Naphataya, 116, demolished Moragot (Lookeyeyara) Yohntrakit, also 116, in the third round of a scheduled six-round mismatch.
(10-15-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Lert Singthongpol, 116, stopped Pohbanlang Sithsrimoke, 130, in the third frame of a slated six. Sithsrimoke has been knocked out in his last ?? tights.
(10-16-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Veteran Savatdee V. Chaimongkhol, 116, halted Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, also 116, in the sixth and final round.
(10-20-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sankumpang Bunthavee, 116, polished off Surasak Saksongkram, also 116, in the first contest, amateur or pro. The mismatch of the month in Thailand.
(10-21-83)

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Jackie Beard W12 Paul DeVorce
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Richard Savage W10 Myron Taylor
Calvin Grove KO3 William Martinez Perez
Jorge Lujan W10 Wilson Perez

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT
Mike Ayala KO2 Alejandro Garcia
Johnny Carter KO3 Felix Cortez

BANTAMWEIGHT
Jeff Chandler KO7 Oscar Muniz
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HOLMES-FRAZIER A DISGRACE

THE LARRY HOLMES-MARVIS FRAzier fight was a disgrace to all concerned. Bravo to the World Boxing Council for refusing to sanction the so-called bout or have anything to do with it. How NBC could pass off someone as inept and inexperienced as Frazier as a Heavyweight Championship challenger, and how most of the boxing press could go along with such a charade, I'll never figure out.

Holmes hasn't defended his title against a number one contender in close to two years. It's high time that he fight Greg Page or say goodbye to boxing. Holmes has been champion for a long time and has defended his title against the best challengers. But even Larry Holmes is not bigger than boxing. If he continues to fight men like Scott Frank and Marvis Frazier then he should be stripped of his title.

EDWARD ORESKES, BUTLER, PA.

SUPPORT FOR PAGE

REGARDING THE GREG PAGE INTERview (December): Page is right when he says that Larry Holmes is ducking him. Whether the reason for that is fear or just economics, I don't know. But the fact is that Page has fought his way up to the top of the WBC rankings. If that doesn't entitle him to a title shot, then what could?

It's all well and good that Holmes wants to give opportunities to pathetic white clubfighters (Scott Frank) and scared children (Marvis Frazier). But that does not free him from his obligation to defend his title against the legitimate top contender.

Boxing can ill-afford to go back to the days when champions were allowed to treat their titles as personal property, to defend or not defend as they pleased. A championship represents supremacy in one's field. For it to have any validity it must constantly be re-established. If Holmes refuses to defend his title, he becomes an ex-champion.

LEN McCARRAN, BUFFALO, N.Y.

CONGRATULATIONS, MARVIN

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARVIN HAGler for his smashing victory over puffed-up lightweight Roberto Duran. Perhaps in the future we can look forward to such epic battles as Hagler vs. Ray Mancini, Hagler vs. Edwin Rosario and Hagler vs. Macho Camacho.

Unfortunately (or should that be fortunately?) Hagler won't be champion much longer—I can't see him winning more than a handful of rounds when he faces Thomas Hearns next year.

SCOTT A. SPIELBERG, CAMBRIDGE, ONT., CANADA

Hagler and Duran get bad reviews.

TIMIDITY COST DURAN

IF ROBERTO DURAN HAD FOUGHT an aggressive fight instead of a defensive one against Marvin Hagler, Duran would have easily won the crown. Because every time the two exchanged punches, Duran was sharper and hit harder. The only reason Duran didn't knock Hagler out was that Roberto was fighting as a champion, not a challenger. All Duran has to do next time is put the pressure on early and keep it on. Then he'll puff up and cut up Hagler and put an end to the myth of Marvelous Marvin.

BRIAN KAUFER, ANN ARBOR, MICH.

HAGLER-DURAN SCORING CONTROVERSY

I SCORED THE HAGLER-DURAN SCRAP and gave Hagler a 5-point lead at the finish without one even round. It seems to me that the judges are taking the position that upon entering the ring the two men are equals, with the title seemingly residing ownerless in a corner somewhere, awaiting the outcome of the bout. In reality, the idea is for one man, considered the best available challenger, to attempt to wrest the championship away from its owner. If, as he should, a judge enters the arena with the latter position in mind, there can be *no* even rounds. Any close round must go to the champion just as a draw allows him to retain his title. Someone has to re-educate the people passed off as judges.

LAWRENCE L. ROBERTS TORONTO, ONT., CANADA

Editor's note: Mr. Roberts' assertions have no basis in fact. In all jurisdictions, judges are instructed to score rounds without regard to which, if either, fighter holds a title. Any other policy is grossly unfair. We agree that Marvin Hagler won nine rounds in his fight with Roberto Duran. Not because Hagler was champion, but because Hagler outfought Duran in nine rounds, the way we saw it.

HATCHET JOB ON MANCINI

WHAT WAS MOST DISAPPOINTING about Michael Katz' article on Ray Mancini (*Front Page*, November) was not just that it was a hatchet job, but that it was so obviously wrong. Despite what Katz insists, Orlando Romero *was* a better fighter than predicted. Sometimes those infamous number one WBA contenders *are* good fighters. Juan Roldan (rated number 18 by *The Ring*) certainly proved that when he demolished your number three man, Frank Fletcher.

Let's look a bit more carefully at the lightweights Katz claims can beat Mancini. Howard Davis Jr.? He was dropped twice by the inexperienced Tony Baltazar and has looked the essence of mediocrity—to use a Katz buzzword—in practically every fight he's ever had. Edwin Rosario? He was beaten up by Jose Ramirez, a fighter Mancini easily defeated. Robin Blake and Jimmy Paul? Their weaknesses were exposed in their recent defeats. Roberto Elizondo? China-chinned Roger Mayweather? Don't make me laugh!

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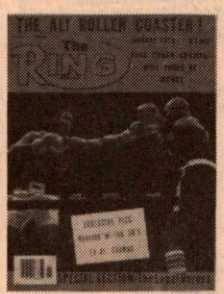

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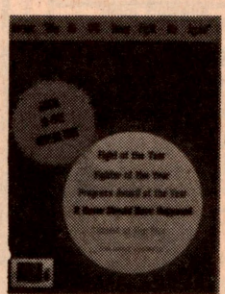

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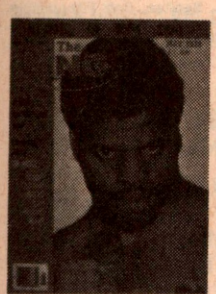

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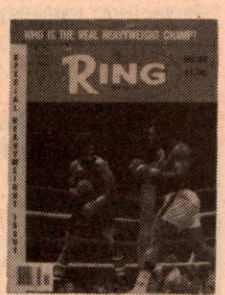

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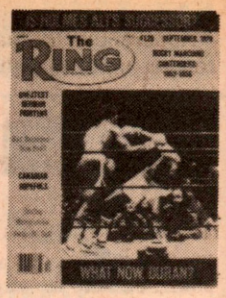

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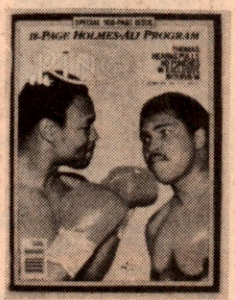

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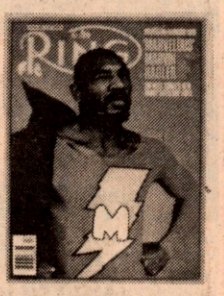

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Apparently, Ray Mancini won't get his due respect until he fights—and beats—Hector Camacho.

KARL WENCLAS, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

PRYOR A LIAR?

AARON PRYOR'S SO-CALLED RETIREment is a sham. Pryor says there's nobody left for him to beat except for Ray Mancini, who is afraid to move up from lightweight and challenge him.

First of all, there *is* a contender right in Pryor's own division who has more than established his credentials to merit a title shot. The 21-0 Johnny "Bump City" Bumphus was ready to challenge Pryor and possibly beat him, before the Hawk ducked out.

Second of all, what's this thing that Pryor has about fighting lightweights? I never heard of such a thing as a so-called great champion who wants only to fight smaller men. First Arguello, then Arguello again, and now Mancini or nothing.

Pryor has the right to quit if he wants to, but it's not for lack of opposition. If he's so into division-hopping, he could go after the welterweight title!

WILLIAM TALLEY, HAZEL PARK, MICH.

TV OR NOT TV

WHEN WILL BOXING FANS WAKE up? Why is it that championships in football, baseball, basketball and just about every other sport are on TV? But in boxing, we have to leave the comfort of our homes to pay $15 to $30 to see the big event on closed circuit? This is bull. Boxing fans should wise up and not show up for these closed circuit fights. Then maybe we'll see them at home.

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—*D.C. PRESTUICH*
Manhattan Beach, Calif.

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Q Is a boxer allowed to compete if he has a heart murmur?

—*RAYMOND CRUMITY*
Auburn, New York

A *Depends on the commission. Billy Graham was once barred from amateur competition because of a heart murmur.*

Q Where can I write to Roberto Duran?

—*TAD L. TOLIVER*
Rantoul, Illinois

A *Send all letters to Roberto c/o Top Rank, Inc., 919 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.*

Q There is some controversy as to Leonard's last opponent before his retirement. I say Thomas Hearns was his last opponent, but there are numerous other people who say that he fought someone else after the Hearns fight. I say Hearns was his last opponent and that he was training for the Roger Stafford fight when, in the midst of training, he entered the hospital to get a detached retina repaired. I would appreciate it very dearly if you would write and let me know if, in fact, Hearns was Leonard's last opponent.

—*SOYICA GIMBU*
Trenton, N.J.

A *Recent research by The Ring's crack team of experts has revealed that Leonard did, in fact, defend his world welterweight title against Bruce Finch in Reno, Nevada on February 15, 1982. This, and not the Hearns bout, was his last pro contest. (Our deepest thanks go to the Int. Boxing Research Organization (IBRO) for their invaluable assistance.)*

Q How can I obtain the records of past contenders like Bert Lytell, Lee Oma, Charley Burley, Holman Williams, Tami Mauriello, etc.?

—*TOM ROSS*
Beloit, Wisc.

A *Burley and Mauriello were carried in the 1980 Record Book. The Ring may publish an all-time record book in the foreseeable future, containing the complete logs of all near-champs.*

Q Where can I obtain the record of Harry (Kid) Fisher, a Philadelphia welterweight who fought in the 1920s?

—*DAVID MANDELL*
Long Beach, N.Y.

A *Write to the Int. Boxing Research Organization, P.O. Box 84, Guilford, New York 13780. They may be able to help.*

Q What do the designations A, B, C, and D mean in The Ring's annual ratings?

—*RICHARD GARDNER*
Mililani, Hawaii

A *Generally speaking, a fighter rated as an "A" is on the verge of being a contender. A "B" fighter is a respectable journeyman or man on the way up. A "C" means a so-so fighter who comes up with a good performance every now and again. A "D" rating designates a man who's really out of it, and, maybe, should retire.*

Q Can you give me some information on Frank (Kid) Evans, real name Frank Marino? He was killed in the ring in San Francisco between 1908 and '10.

—*VINCE LIUZZA*
Menlo Park, Calif.

A *Suggest you contact Mr. Gary Phillips of Yuba City, Calif. Gary is the leading expert on California boxing history during that period.*

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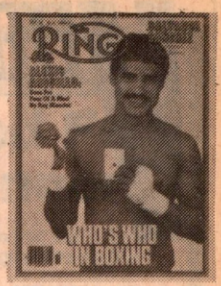

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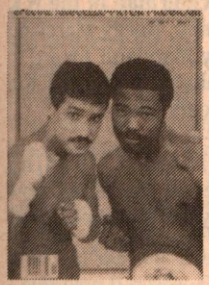

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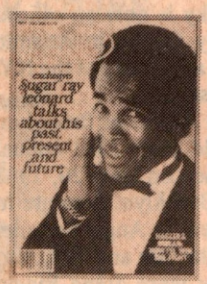

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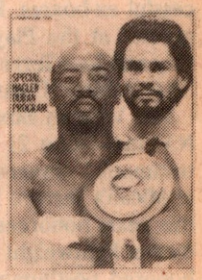

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

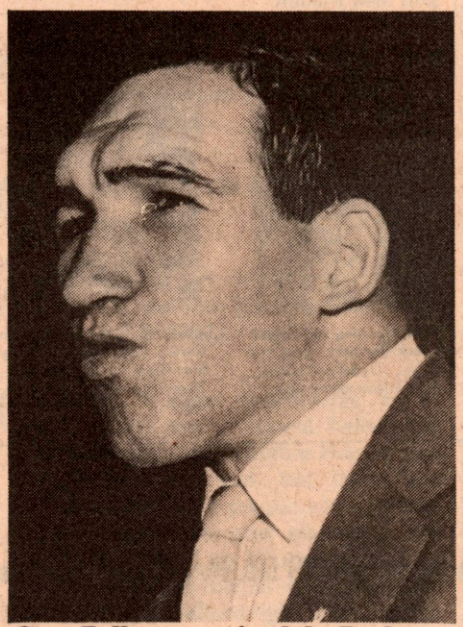
BY CHARLIE SPINA

ON NOVEMBER 5, 1983 THE INTERNATIONAL Boxing Writers Association held an Inaugural Awards Dinner at the Sands Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, honoring; Bert Randolph Sugar, who received the Red Smith Memorial Award for being a boxing writer who has shown concern for the fighter and dedication and support of boxing; Charley Casserta and Bob Taylor, co-winners of the "Tom Sarge Johnson" Memorial Award, as individuals who made considerable and significant contributions to amateur boxing. Also honored were ex-champions Rocky Graziano and Jose Torres, presented "The 16th Round Award", as successful ex-boxers. Rocky is now an official greeter at the Playboy Casino in Atlantic City and Jose Torres is a member of the N.Y. State Athletic Commission.

The Veteran Boxers Assoc. of Brooklyn, N.Y. Inc.—Ring 21 held their 23rd annual testimonial dinner-dance on Nov. 20, 1983 at Micali's Terrace in Brooklyn. A salute to this years honorees went to Augie Parente, former lightweight of the 20's and 30's. Also honored posthumously were Steve Riggio and Tommy Marengo, former members who passed away during the past year. To Chairman John Mayo, "A job well done. On Nov. 21, 1983, The Circus Saints and Sinners Club of New Jersey Inc. held their annual nostalgia (strictly stag) nite, roasting three former boxing greats. The fall guys were Jake LaMotta, Willie Pep and Charley Fusari. A fantastic array of fistic talent and sports figures were on hand to pay homage to these three former greats held at the Quality Inn, in Newark, N.J. Ron Bushwell, president of the organization, did a fine job.

Joe Guinan, the first president and organizer of the National Veteran Boxers, recently reached his 85th birthday. His family put on a classic party for him. "Happy Birthday Joe" and many more to come".

The new Officers of the Golden State Veteran Boxers and Wrestlers Association for the year 1984 are; President, Count Billy Varga; Executive Vice-President, Hugh Sublett; Vice-Presidents, Jimmy McLarnin, Archie Moore; Honorary Chairman, Georgie Levine; Honorary Co-Chairman, Jack Miller; Secretary-Treasurer, Joey Abramson; Counselor At-Law Edmund C. Stanley; Security Chief, R.P. "Texas" Jordan; Sargent At-Arms, Al "Abie" Bain, Dave Maier, Alex McDonald, Dud Eades, Leo Kula; Historian, George Luckman; Public Relations, Abe Hochheiser; Official Photographer, Mike Neporadny; Ambassador At Large, Vincent Barbi; Good Will Ambassadors, Sylvester Stallone, Frank Stallone (Sylvester's brother), Tiger Joe Marsh; Meeting Introduction Chairman, Nobile "Kid" Chissell; Lifetime Honorary Chaplain, Henry Armstrong. The eight annual "Salute to Boxing Greats" awards dinner took place on Monday Nov. 21, 1983 at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City. Former middleweight champion Gene Fullmer received the Rocky Marciano Award. The DAC presents this award annually to a fighter who is "A champion in the ring, a champion in life." Also saluted was former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan, who received the DAC Boxing Greats Award. Art Rust Jr., host for WABC radio's "Sportstalk" received the DAC Champions Award. The famed fight broadcaster Don Dunphy, held the mike in the center ring. Spanning the ringside he announced the following: Carmen Basilio, Billy Graham, Walter Cartier, Jose Torres, Charley Norkus, and John Branca, the chairman of the N.Y. State Athletic Commission. Rocky Marciano Jr. presented the Rocky Marciano Award to Fullmer and Billy Graham, presented Kid Gavilan the Boxing Greats Award.



Gene Fullmer received the Rocky Marciano award in New York.

"Tracing some stars"— —

Bobby Dykes, former leading welterweight contender of the fifties, now operates the Bobby Dykes Insurance firm, located at 3252 So. Dixie Hwy. Miami, Florida 33133.

Pete Mead, former middleweight contender suffered a heart attack October 20 at his home in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The tough Mead is well on the mend and would welcome correspondence from his many friends at Route #3, Box 465, Jonesboro, Arkansas. 72401.

Al Hostak, the former "Savage Slav" as he was known in his hey day when on July 26, 1938, he became the NBA Middleweight champion scoring a one round knockout over Freddie Steele before 30,000 boxing fans at the old Civic Stadium in Seattle, Wash. Hostak, now lives in White Center, a town nearby Georgetown, Wash. working as a security guard at the Longacres Race Track.

Leotis Martin, former heavyweight contender, now teaches kids the art of self-defense in Philadelphia at Jimmy Beecham's Boys Club.

Willie "The Worm" Monroe, one of two men to ever defeat Marvin Hagler (Mar. 1976) now employed as one of Philadelphia's Finest.

Gypsy Joe Harris, former colorful welterweight and leading contender from Philly who after dropping a 12-round duke to Emile Griffith in August of 1968, retired from boxing due to blindness in one eye. Now working for the city of Philadelphia Parks Maintenance Division.

One of America's best known boxing figures, Ralph Lake, was chosen for a second term as President of the Northeast Veteran Boxers Ring 88 Philadelphia. Lake, in the past served as a corner and cut-man for a number of boxing's champions, including Willie Pep, Sonny Liston and Rocky Graziano.

Eddie Bangs, popular former New England mittster was recently elected as president of Ring 4 Boston, Mass. He replaces Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, former featherweight great who did a wonderful job as prexy for the year 1983.

Stanley Poreda, 74, a leading contender for the heavyweight crown in the early thirties, died on November 30 in Worcester, Mass. Poreda in a six-year career beat some of the best of his era, men like Tommy Loughran, Primo Carnera, Ernie Schaaf and others. He also lost to the best; he was knocked out by Joe Louis in 1934 before Louis won the title. One of the organizers of Ring 14 VBA. Poreda is also enshrined into the N.J. Boxing Hall of Fame. RIP.

John D. Bailey, 82, former popular San Francisco bantam of the 1920's era, who fought under the name of California Joe Lynch died at Laguna Honda Hospital in Calif. after a long illness. A good tough Bantamweight, Lynch fought about 180 pro four-round bouts from 1920 to 1931 in the old 4-round days of Californian boxing laws. Although he never fought New York City's Joe Lynch, he did outpoint two ex-bantamweight titleholders, Johnny Buff and Charley Phil Rosenberg. In later years opened a tavern on Eddy St. in Frisco which became a favorite spot for ex-pugs and fite buffs. Later Joe worked as a bartender for 45 years and every Saturday, the ex-fighter for many years taught youths the art of self-defense at the old Billy Newman and Joe Herman's gym on Leavenworth St. in San Francisco. RIP.

Lloyd Pine, 67, Akron, Ohio lightweight of the thirties, recently died on Nov. 15, 1983 in an Akron hospital. Pine fought all the good ones of his era. He barred no one, having met boys like: Leo Rodak, Billy Marquart, Varius Milling, Yucatan Kid, Norment Quarles, Emil Joseph, Sammy Angott three times, Petey Sarron, Juan Zurita and many others; A son William, said his father had close to 300 pro fights and never had a purse larger than 1,000 dollars. RIP.

Joseph Freyre, 54, who trained dozens of Daily News Golden Gloves champions over the past 20 years, died of a heart failure at the VA Hospital in the Bronx. on Nov. 2, 1983. Joe was a former motorman with the N.Y. Transit Authority. He is survived by his wife and 15 children. Rest in Peace.

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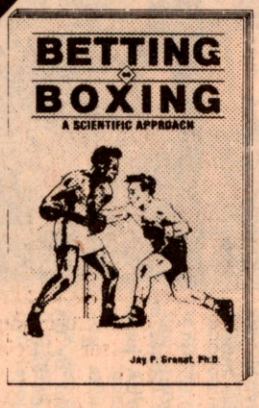

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BEN SHARAV'S

1983 BOXING CALENDAR

A day-by-day round-up of The Year That Was

JANUARY

1 3 a.m., Eastern Standard Time—"Boxing's Bad Boy," Tony Ayala Jr. gets the New Year off with a bang. The top-rated junior middleweight contender cuts through a window screen and breaks into the apartment of a West Paterson, N.J. schoolteacher and rapes, sodomizes and otherwise assaults the woman for over an hour.

● 5 a.m.—Tony Ayala Jr. is arrested by West Paterson police in the parking lot of the Rose Manor Estates housing development.

3 Pat Cowdell, European featherweight champion announces retirement.

● San Antonio, Tex. prosecutor moves to revoke Tony Ayala Jr.'s probation for 1978 sexual assault conviction.

4 Ohio governor James Rhodes pardons Don King for 1966 first degree manslaughter conviction in Cleveland.

● Tony Ayala Jr. vs. Leslie Gardner, scheduled for January 26 is canceled by the promoter, Main Events.

5 Light Heavyweight Champion Michael Spinks is arrested for traffic infraction and attempting to flee police after car chase in West Philadelphia. Police find unregistered gun in Spinks' car and the fighter is charged with possession of stolen firearm.

6 Veteran Boxers' Association, Ring 8, opens Ray Arcel Medical Center to serve ex-boxers in New York.

7 Michael Spinks' common-law wife, Sandra Massey, is killed in Philadelphia car crash.

9 Katsuo Tokashiki retains the WBA junior flyweight title with a 15-round decision over Kim Hwan in Kyoto, Japan.

10 Tony Ayala is indicted on seven counts in Passaic County, N.J. Superior Court.

FEBRUARY

4 Middleweights Murray Sutherland and Robbie Sims fight a 10-round draw in Worcester, Mass.

5 Marlon Starling destroys Jose "The Threat" Baret in 4 at the Sands, A.C.

● Burlington, Vt. turns down the application of Arthur Boynton, 61, potential Golden Glover.

6 Ray Mancini returns to the ring for the first time since the Kim fight and struggles to win a 10-round decision over George Feeney in a non-title fight in St. Vincent, Italy.

11 With a violent snowstorm raging outside, Marvelous Marvin Hagler provides all the necessary violence inside the Centrum in Worcester, Mass. Hagler knocks out Briton Tony Sibson in 6 to retain the undisputed world middleweight championship.

● Gerry Cooney returns to the ring, sort of. The semi-retired heavyweight knocks out old-timer Boone Kirkman in a pathetic "exhibition" in Eugene, Ore.

12 Greg Page beats Larry Frazier by 10-round decision in Cleveland. The Louisville heavyweight looks overweight and unimpressive but, Renaldo Snipes points out, "Page controlled the temple of the fight."

MARCH

1 Former WBA heavyweight champion John Tate files a $10 million libel suit against the NEW YORK POST in Knox County (Tenn.) Circuit Court. The suit claims that Tate's boxing career was "irreparably damaged" by a column in which POST sportswriter Dick Young stated: "There is something neurologically wrong with Tate. Hit him on the side of the head he goes down and his toes convulse. The only thing beating Tate should get you is arrested." There is no truth to the story that after the offending piece was read to Tate, the fighter fell forward unconscious onto his face, causing his toes to convulse and his nose to break.

3 Jiro Watanabe knocks out Luis Ibanez in eight in Japan and retains the WBA junior bantamweight title.

● 37-year-old Earnie Shavers loses by disqualification after fouling journeyman George Chaplin in ninth round.

4 Santos Laciar retains WBA flyweight title with ninth-round knockout of Ramon Nery.

● A news conference is held in San Juan, P.R. to announce the signing of a non-title ten-rounder between World Junior Featherweight Champion Wilfredo Gomez and former bantamweight king, Alfonso Zamora, who has not fought in three years. After the conference, Gomez punches EL REPORTERO reporter Angel Oliveras in the stomach. Oliveras had criticized the bout.

6 DeLeon mauls Leon: Former cruiserweight champion Carlos DeLeon batters former Heavyweight King Leon Spinks into a TKO defeat after six rounds of their cruiserweight bout at Harrah's, Atlantic City.

7 The Puerto Rican Boxing Commission finds "gross irregularities" in Alfonso Zamora's supposed boxing license and bars his scheduled bout with Wilfredo Gomez.

APRIL

2 Aaron Pryor knocks out pathetic WBA top contender Sang Hyun Kim in three to retain his World Junior Welterweight Title at the Sands, A.C.

● Johnny Bumphus knocks out Michael Bradley in 6, Lancaster, Pa.

3 Hector "Macho" Camacho continues his climb toward the junior lightweight title but his reputation suffers as he struggles to win a 10-round decision over Cubanito Perez in Phoenix, Ariz.

10 Marvis Frazier scores his biggest win yet, a 10-round unanimous decision over James Broad at Resorts, A.C.

● Howard Davis Jr. breezes to a 10-round decision over British lightweight champ George Feeney in San Remo, Italy. Italian welterweight sensation Nino LaRocca knocks out Ohio's Bobby Joe Young in 8 on the undercard.

● Comebacking John Tate beats Donny Long in 10, Pittsburgh.

● Katsuo Tokashiki retains his WBA junior flyweight title on a 15-round draw with Lupe Madera in Tokyo.

11 New Jersey Athletic Commission Chairman Jersey Joe Walcott takes an unusual step of reversing referee Duane Bobick's stoppage of a scheduled 8-rounder between Stanley Ross and Woody Clark and awarding of TKO to Clark in final round. Action resumes and Ross goes on to win bout by decision at Tropicana Hotel, Atlantic City.

19 Roger Mayweather knocks out Samuel Serrano in 8th round in San Juan to win world junior lightweight title.

20 Representatives from eight athletic commissions in eastern U.S. and Canada meet in New York City. New York State commission chairman John Prenderville announces major rule changes in N.Y. Henceforth, scoring of fights will be done by 3 judges (rather than 2 judges and the referee), referee will be allowed to call standing-8 count and ringside physician will be empowered to call for additional 30 second rest period between rounds.

22 Number-one-ranked WBA heavyweight contender Gerrie Coetzee and 6th-ranked Pinklon Thomas fight to a 10-round majority decision draw at the Sands Casino in Atlantic City. Both fighters applaud the decision.

30 A woman purported to be the mother of Deuk-Koo Kim, the fighter who died as the result of last November's bout with Ray Mancini, commits suicide by poison in Kojin, South Korea.

● Davey Moore retains the WBA junior middleweight title with a 4th-round knockout of Gary Guiden at Bally's in Atlantic City.

● A few hours later, a continent away, Roberto Duran rockets back into title contention with an electrifying 4th-round knockout of Pipino Cuevas at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles.

31 In the first title fight held under the WBC's new 12-round rule, Rafael Orono retains the WBC junior bantamweight crown by a 4th-round knockout of Edwin Romero in Caracas.

13 Wilford Scypion scores a major upset over Frank Fletcher in a middleweight 12-rounder at the Sands, A.C. With the win comes the dubious prize of an opportunity to be beaten up by Marvin Hagler in a title fight.

● LeRoy Haley retains the WBC junior welterweight title against Saoul Mamby in Cleveland in the first WBC 12-round title fight to go the distance.

15 World Lightweight Champion Alexis Arguello sends a telegram to the WBC stating that he is relinquishing his title. Arguello will pursue a rematch with Aaron Pryor for the Junior Welterweight Title.

16 Comebacking Joe Bugner knocks out Dino Dennis in 3 in London.

● Former heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott, suffering from chest pains, is reported in stable condition in a Camden, N.J. hospital.

● S.T. Gordon knocks out Jesse Burnett in 8 at the Byrne Meadowlands Arena in N.J. to retain the WBC cruiserweight title.

20 Juan LaPorte retains the WBC featherweight title, beating Ruben Castillo in 12 in San Juan.

24 Smokin' Joe Frazier Jr. (Hector Frazier) makes his pro debut, knocking out Tony Glasco in 1 in lightweight bout in Philadelphia.

26 Alexis Arguello beats Vilomar Fernandez in 10 in San Antonio.

27 Tony Baltazar knocks Howard Davis Jr. down twice but Davis wins their 10-rounder at Resorts International in A.C. by a controversial, runaway unanimous decision.

13 Jeff Chandler retains his World Bantamweight Championship with a unanimous decision over Gaby Canizales after 15 tough rounds at Resorts International, A.C.

18 WBA light heavyweight titleholder Michael Spinks unifies the World Light Heavyweight Championship by beating WBC king Dwight Braxton on a 15-round unanimous decision at Convention Hall, A.C.

19 Welsh power-puncher Colin Jones and fleet-footed Detroiter Milton McCrory battle to a 12-round draw in Reno, Nev. in fight that was supposed to crown successor to Sugar Ray Leonard as WBC welterweight champion.

20 John "The Heat" Verderosa scores sensational 4th-round knockout of Sean O'Grady in Chicago; O'Grady, through father-manager Pat, immediately announces his retirement from boxing. On same card, John Collins outpoints Lenny LaPaglia in 10-round battle of undefeated Chicago middleweights.

23 Journeyman Eric Winbush knocks out faded former Light Heavyweight Champ Matthew Saad Muhammad in three rounds in A.C.

24 Pipino Cuevas announces retirement.

27 Holmes' Homecoming: Larry Holmes retains World Heavyweight Championship, beating European champ Lucien Rodriguez in 12 at the Watres Armory, Scranton, Pa.

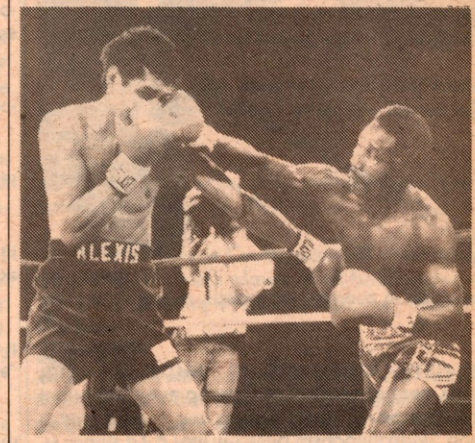
● Manager-trainer Paddy Flood collapses with brain hemorrhage while watching Holmes-Rodriguez on TV in New York.

28 Paddy Flood, 48, dies at New York hospital.

29 WBC says it will not sanction upcoming Holmes-Witherspoon fight if it is held on same card as Dokes-Weaver WBA heavyweight title fight in Las Vegas.

18 Press conference is held at Plaza Hotel in New York to announce Gerry Cooney's return to the ring in a scheduled 10-rounder against Phillip Brown in Las Vegas on June 18.

23 Marlon Starling beats Kevin Howard in 12, Hartford, Conn. for USBA/NABF welterweight title.



24 Alexis Arguello KO's Claude Noel in 3, Sands, A.C.

● Eusebio Pedroza retains World Featherweight championship with 15-round decision over Rocky Lockridge, San Remo.

26 The Energy and Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives approves bill to create Congressional Advisory Committee on professional boxing.

27 Ray Mancini breaks collarbone while sparring, causing cancellation of double championship card in Bophuthatswana, South Africa. Card was to feature Mancini vs. Ken Bogner, Davey Moore vs. Roberto Duran and concert by Frank Sinatra at Sun City Resort.

MAY

1 Edwin Rosario beats Jose Luis Ramirez, 12, San Juan, to capture vacant WBC lightweight title.

● Reyes Cruz beats John Verderosa, 10, A.C.

3 Douglas Tatting, manager of Andrew Ganigan is stabbed to death at ringside during fight card at Blaisdell Arena, Honolulu.

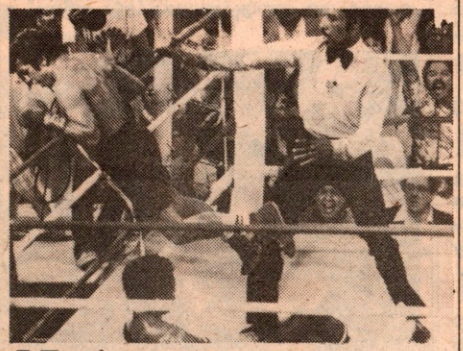
9 WBC announces it will not sanction Marvin Hagler-Wilford Scypion bout set for May 13 if promoters insist on scheduling it for 15 rounds.

10 WBA president Gilberto Mendoza sends telegram to promoter Bob Arum demanding that Hagler-Scypion be scheduled for 12 rounds, in contravention of WBA rules. Hagler-Scypion is postponed until May 25 due to inflamed tendon in Hagler's left knee.

12 WBA and WBC announce that they will not sanction Hagler-Scypion. Robert Lee announces that his newly-reconstituted U.S. Boxing Assiciation/International will sanction the middleweight championship fight.

● A California judge, acting on a complaint from Don King, who claims options on WBC junior lightweight champion Bobby Chacon, issues injunction barring May 15 Chacon-Boza-Edwards fight.

13 Injunction barring Chacon-Boza-Edwards is lifted.



15 The Fight of the Year: Chacon beats Boza-Edwards by 12-round unanimous decision at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas.

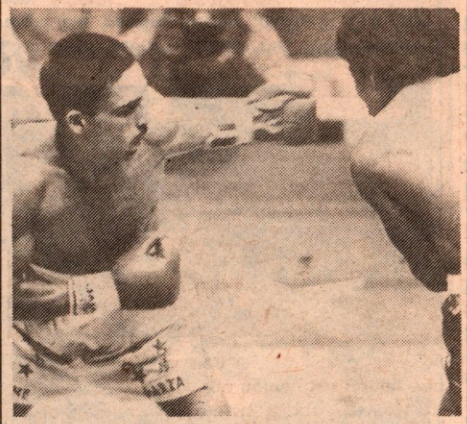
18 Bruce Curry wins the WBC junior welterweight title from Leroy Haley by 12-round unanimous decision at the Dunes, L.V. Wilfred Benitez wins 10-round unanimous decision over

JUNE

4 Marvis Frazier pitches a near shutout, beating Joe Bugner in 10, A.C.

10 Floyd Mayweather knocks out Jose Baret in 8 rounds, Felt Forum, New York.

13 Robert Czyz Sr., father of middleweight Bobby Czyz, commits suicide by shooting self in head in his Wanaque, N.J. home.



15 Jaime Garza knocks out Bobby Berna in 2 in Los Angeles to win the WBC junior lightweight title, vacated by Wilfredo Gomez.

16 Roberto Duran completes one of the greatest comebacks in sports history, knocking out Davey Moore in 8 rounds to win the WBA junior middleweight championship in front of a packed house of 20,061 in Madison Square Garden, New York. In a junior middleweight prelim, Luis Resto busts up Billy Collins Jr.'s face and wins a 10-round unanimous decision. Collins father and manager, Billy Sr., accuses Resto of using illegally doctored gloves in the fight. The State Athletic Commission impounds the mitts

JULY

1 New York State Athletic Commission issues finding that Luis Resto did use illegally rigged gloves in June 16 victory over Billy Collins Jr. Commission rules that result of bout will be changed to "no contest"; Resto is suspended from boxing for one year; Resto's cornermen, Panama Lewis and Pedro Alvarado are barred for life.

● Don King holds press conference to announce that he is promoting bout on August 7 between Hector Camacho and Rafael Limon for the recently-vacated WBC junior lightweight title. Howard Davis Jr. appears with King to announce that the lightweight contender has signed an exclusive 4-fight promotional contract with Don.

● Richard Green Jr., veteran Nevada referee, is found shot to death at his home in Las Vegas; it is ruled suicide.

3 Rising junior middleweight star John "The Beast" Mugabi knocks out Gary Guiden in 3 in Tampa, Fla.

5 Frank "The Animal" Fletcher knocks out Curtis Ramsey in 8 at the Sands, A.C.

● Tony Ayala Jr.'s San Antonio house is auctioned off by the Sheriff's Department.

6 Butte County (Calif.) Superior Court grants injunction barring the WBC from taking any action against Bobby Chacon. It is unclear whether this has any bearing on the stripping of Chacon's title, an action which was already taken.

10 Lupe Madera suffers a bad gash from a butt and wins the WBA junior flyweight title from Katsuo Tokashiki on a 4-round technical draw in Tokyo.

● Junior Middleweight Champion Thomas Hearns beats Murray Sutherland by unanimous decision in a 10-round middleweight bout at Caesars, Atlantic City.

11 Ray Mancini's mother sues Warren, Ohio school board for $10,000 in dispute over souvenir sales at Mancini's 1982 title defense bout at the Warren High School football stadium against Ernesto Espana.

12 John Branca named chairman of New York State Athletic Commission.

15 The Disgrace in D.C.: Eddie Mustafa

AUGUST

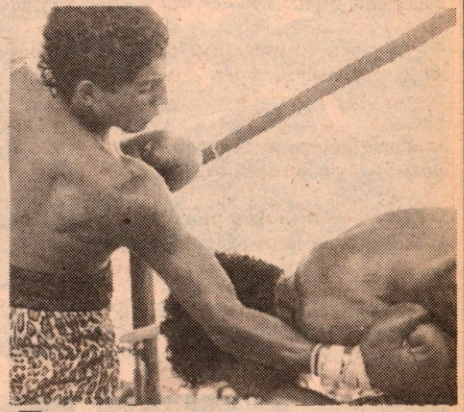
1 Butte County Superior Court turns down Bobby Chacon's demand for immediate trial of his lawsuit against WBC and refuses to bar tittle sanction of Chacon-Limon fight.

● World Athletic Association (the Pat O'Grady faction) strips Monte Masters of his WAA heavyweight title.

4 William "Caveman" Lee is arrested at the end of a car chase and charged with bank robbery in Pontiac, Mich.

● Top-ranked WBA light heavyweight contender Oscar Rivadeneyra loses to James Williams by a fourth-round disqualification, due to low blows, San Carlos, Calif. Rivadeneyra's manager, Rene de la Rosa protests referee Vern Bybee's action to California Athletic Commission.

5 Leroy Hester knocks out Wilford Scypion in 10 rounds.

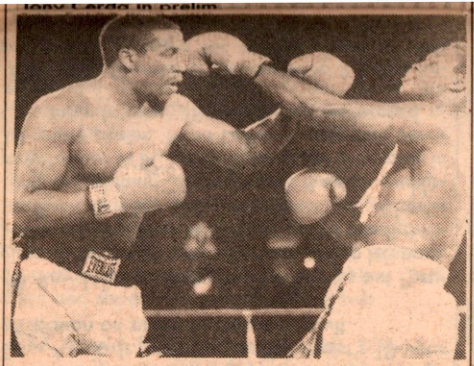


7 Hector "Macho" Camacho knocks out Bazooka Limon in 5 in San Juan, P.R. to win the vacant WBC junior lightweight title.

10 Lightweight contender Kenny "Bang Bang" Bogner is arrested and charged with the July 24 burglary of a beach house in Seaside, N.J.

12 New reports say WBC agrees to sancion Holmes-Frank and Holmes-Frazier title fights, while Holmes pledges to defend against Greg Page in February, 1984.

13 Milton McCrory finally captures the vacant WBC welterweight title, by winning a 12-round split decision over Colin Jones at the



20 The "Crown Affair" at the Dunes, L.V.: Ossie Ocasio retains WBA junior heavyweight title with 15 round unanimous decision over Randy Stephens; Michael Dokes keeps WBA heavyweight crown after majority decision draw with Mike Weaver; Greg Page batters Renaldo Snipes and wins 12-round decision; Larry Holmes retains World Heavyweight Championship with 12-round split decision over Tim Witherspoon.

27 Marvin Hagler retains World Middleweight Championship with 4th-round knockout of Wilford Scypion, Providence, R.I. WBA, WBC do not sanction fight; USBA/I does.

28 WBC cruiser king S.T. Gordon beats heavyweight Trevor Berbick, 10 rounds, Las Vegas.

31 Jack Dempsey, 87, dies in his New York apartment.

● Ron Stander, one-time challenger to Joe Frazier for heavyweight crown, runs pick-up truck off road and wraps it around utility pole in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He is arrested and charged with drunken driving.

18 Howard Davis Jr. looks impressive in scoring 8th-round knockout of Greg Coverson in junior welterweight bout at Resorts International, A.C.

20 Rhode Island businessman Robert Andreoli announces that Larry Holmes has signed contract with him to promote September title defense.

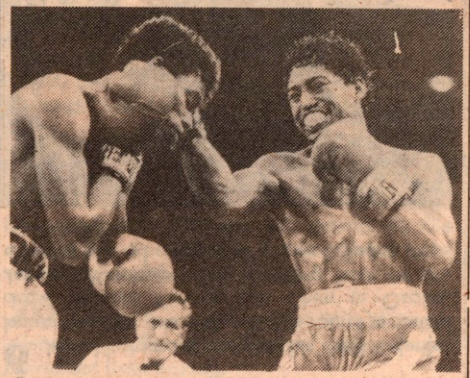
21 Roberto Duran returns to Panama and gets hero's welcome and parade.

● In Passaic County (N.J.) Superior Court, Tony Ayala Jr. is sentenced to 15–35 years imprisonment for his New Year's Day rape and burglary.

● Gerry Cooney undergoes surgery on his left hand at New York University Hospital. Prognosis is that he will be out of action for 5 months.

● James Green suffers cracked rib; scheduled Junior Middleweight Title challenge against Thomas Hearns is postponed indefinitely.

23 In Pawtucket, R.I., New Jerseyan Juan Veloz fights hometowner Rafael Lopez in 10-round junior lightweight bout. Viewers across the country, watching on ESPN, are outraged as referee Martin Tabor continuously and flagrantly violates the rules to assist Lopez. They are further outraged when the hometown fighter wins an outrageous decision.



25 Juan LaPorte retains his WBC featherweight title, winning a 12-round split decision over Johnny de la Rosa in San Juan, P.R.

27 The World Boxing Council strips Bobby Chacon of their junior lightweight title for violating his option contract with Don King. Chacon says he will sue.

28 Art Lurie is named to replace Sid Rogich as chairman of the Nevada Athletic Commission.

16 Mustafa Hamsho scores shutout victory over Wilfred Benitez in middleweight 12-rounder at the Dunes, Las Vegas.

17 Santos Laciar retains WBA flyweight title with first-round knockout of Hee-Sup Shin in Cheju, South Korea.

● Carlos "Sugar" DeLeon regains the WBC cruiserweight title from S.T. Gordon on a 12-round, shutout decision at the Dunes, L.V.

21 Eddie Mustafa Muhammad holds press conference at San Remo restaurant in New York and reads written statement of apology for his actions in Washington, D.C. on July 15.

23 World Bantamweight Champion Jeff Chandler loses for the first time, by split decision to Oscar Muniz in a non-title 10-rounder at the Sands, A.C.

24 Robin Blake, heading toward a shot at Ray Mancini, knocks out Tony Baltazar in 9 at the Showboat, L.V. Marlon Starling beats Tommy Ayers in 12 on the same card.

25 Billy Collins Jr. files a $65 million lawsuit against Luis Resto, Pedro Alvarado and Panama Lewis over the June 16, rigged-gloves incident. Collins says his eyes suffered permanent injury from the bout and his ring career is over.

26 House of Representatives rejects by vote of 254-167 a bill sponsored by Rep. James Florio (Dem.-N.J.) to create 10-member panel to study professional boxing.

● Larry Gains, 83, black Canadian heavyweight star in the 1920s and '30s dies in Cologne, West Germany.

27 New Jersey Corrections Department, Prison Classifications Committee rejects request of Tony Ayala Jr. to be sent to Rahway State Prison—known for its professional boxing program—to serve out his 15–35 year sentence. The convicted rapist is sent to Trenton State.

● 1960s and early '70s heavyweight contender Jerry Quarry, 38, holds press conference with promoters to announce his return to the ring in bout in Scranton, Pa. next month. Quarry says he will campaign as a cruiserweight.

17 New York State Athletic Commission reverses itself and drops the standing 8-count.

● Roger Mayweather knocks out Benedicto Villablanca in the first round at the Showboat, L.V. to retain his World Junior Lightweight Title.

19 Aaron Pryor, reportedly suffering from headaches, is hospitalized at Barton Memorial Hospital.

24 Willie George, who trained Dick Tiger and others, dies in St. Thomas.

● Governor Mario Cuomo signs bill mandating the use of thumbless gloves in all bouts in New York as of October, 1984. N.Y.A.C. may exempt title bouts.

26 Scott Frank suffers cut under chin while training and takes five stitches. Scheduled title defense with Larry Holmes is still on.

29 Thomas Hearns breaks hand. Scheduled title defense against James Green is canceled.

● Emanuel Steward joins Aaron Pryor as new trainer.

31 Juan LaPorte and manager Howie Albert hold press conference at San Remo restaurant in New York and accuse promoter Don King of having coerced LaPorte in the back of King's limousine to sign contract to defend title against Wilfredo Gomez.

● Mike McCallum knocks out Jose Vallejo at the end of 5 at the Sands, A.C.

● Jerry Quarry returns to the ring and knocks out Lupe Guerra in 32 seconds, Albuquerque, N.M.

SEPTEMBER

1 Albert Davila knocks out Kiko Bejines in 12th round at Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles to win the vacant WBC bantamweight title. Bejines is rushed to hospital and falls into coma.

3 Roger Stafford prays to Allah instead of warming up in his dressing room and then goes out and gets knocked down three times for first-round knockout loss to champ Donald Curry in WBA welterweight title bout in Marsala, Italy.

4 Kiko Bejines dies in Los Angeles from injuries sustained in bout with Davila.

5 Aaron Pryor and Alexis Arguello both say they will retire after their upcoming title rematch.

9 Aaron Pryor knocks out Alexis Arguello in 10th round at Caesars Palace, L.V. to retain World Junior Welterweight Championship. Arguello announces retirement.

10 Jung Koo Chang beats German Torres, 12 rounds, in Seoul, South Korea to retain the WBC junior flyweight championship.

● Larry Holmes knocks out Scott Frank in 5th round to retain World Heavyweight Title at Harrah's, A.C.

11 Jeff Chandler knocks out Eijiro Murata—for second time in two years—in 10th round in Tokyo, Japan to retain World Bantamweight Title.

13 Referee Paul Venti takes three rounds from Alex Ramos for low blows, providing the margin of victory to Murray Sutherland in 10-round unanimous decision at the Playboy Hotel, A.C.

15 San Antonio judge Mike Machado rips Tony Ayala Jr. and revokes the rapist's 10-year probation on previous sexual assault.

● Ray Mancini struggles, but knocks out Peruvian southpaw Orlando Romero with a left hook in 9th round of their WBA lightweight title fight in Madison Square Garden, New York. Charlie "White Lightning" Brown steals the show, whipping former WBC junior lightweight champion in 10-round prelim. Nino LaRocca outpoints Jerry Cheatham in other 10-rounder on undercard.

16 Ron Stander is sentenced to 2 years imprisonment in Iowa for second drunk driving conviction.

OCTOBER

3 Howard Davis Jr. holds press conference at San Remo restaurant, New York to announce that he has signed managerial contract with two Long Island attorneys, Jack Solerwitz and Leonard Leeds and that he has fired manager Ed Gersh. Gersh says he will sue.

6 Jiro Watanabe retains his WBA junior bantamweight title with an 11th round technical draw against Kwong Sun Chun in Osaka, Japan. Watanabe was bleeding from an accidental butt when referee Vinnie Rainone stopped the fight.

8 Tony Sibson knocks out Chicago's John Collins in the 2nd-round of a middleweight blowout at the Playboy, A.C.

● Tyrone Crawley stuns number-one WBA lightweight contender Robin Blake and wins a lopsided 10-round decision in Levelland, Tex.

13 Don King refuses to furnish requested documents and records to New Jersey Casino Control Commission, which is considering King's application to promote bouts in Atlantic City casinos. CCC permits King to withdraw application and bars him from doing business in the A.C. casinos for at least one year.

15 Greg Page knocks out Rick "King Kong" Kellar in 2 rounds in Miami.

17 Bob Andreoli can't come up with TV backer for Mancini-Chacon. Fight is called off; Mancini keeps $500,000 advance.

18 Wilfred Benitez pulls out of scheduled October 22 bout with Mario Maldonado in Atlantic City, citing bad mental state caused by income tax problems. New Jersey Commission moves to suspend Benitez.

NOVEMBER

1 Former top-ranked middleweight, convicted murderer, New Jersey prison inmate, and Bob Dylan song hero Rubin "Hurricane" Carter files umpteenth appeal in Passaic County Superior Court.

2 WBA heavyweight champion Gerrie Coetzee undergoes "minor" surgery on right shoulder in Pretoria, South Africa.

3 Kenny "Bang Bang" Bogner knocks out Michael Brown in 6 rounds at Bally, A.C.

4 WBC says it will not sanction Holmes-Frazier as title fight because Frazier is not rated in top-ten. Council says title will be vacant if Frazier wins.

5 United States Boxing Association/International changes name to International Boxing Federation (IBF) in Newark, N.J. meeting.

● Gerald Hayes upsets WBC featherweight champion Juan LaPorte with 10-round split decision in non-title bout at the Sands, A.C.

7 Nevada Athletic Commission announces it will sanction Holmes-Frazier as a 12-round, non-title heavyweight bout.

10 M. Marvin Hagler retains World Middleweight Title with 15-round unanimous decision over heavy underdog Roberto Duran at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. In the undercard, Hagler's probable next challenger, Juan Domingo Roldan, bombs out Frank "The Animal" Fletcher in 6. Golden Boy Charlie "White Lightning" Brown gets a gift unanimous decision over Frank Newton in lightweight prelim.

● Marlon Starling knocks out Sam Ruckard in 5 rounds in Hartford, Conn.

11 Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, despite Washington, D.C.-imposed suspension, boxes

DECEMBER

3 George Feeney knocks out Tony Willis in one round in London to retain the British lightweight title.

6 Pipino Cuevas and his manager Lupe Sanchez say that Cuevas will end his short-lived retirement and return to the ring.

7 Gerrie Coetzee causes a stir in South Africa when he fails to attend Johannesburg banquet where he was to receive South African "Sportsman of the Year" award.

● Antoine Montero retains the European flyweight title with an 8th-round knockout of popular Britisher, Keith Wallace at the Bloomsbury Hotel in London.

● Larry Holmes holds press conference at the Larry Holmes Commodore Inn in Philipsburg, N.J., says he will not honor contract—signed with Don King—to defend title against Greg Page for $2.5 million, but will promote fight against Gerrie Coetzee, himself.

8 Juan Arroyo loses the Florida lightweight title to Clay Davis by a 4th-round desqualification, for low blows, in Miami.

9 In Las Vegas, WBC is reported ready to compromise with Larry Holmes. Plan calls for Holmes and Don King to submit their dispute to arbitration, with Holmes keeping his title and agreeing to defend against Greg Page.

10 Larry Holmes resigns his WBC heavyweight title at the WBC convention. The Heavyweight Champion says he will pick up the IBF title and fight WBA champ Gerrie Coetzee.

17 Robin Blake knocks out Jimmy Paul in 6 at the Showboat, L.V.

● Dwight Braxton beats Eddie Davis by 10-round split decision in their rubber match at the Sands, A.C.

19 Charlie "Devil" Green, former heavyweight and light heavyweight contender who fought Floyd Patterson, Jose Torres and Larry Holmes in 1960s and '70s, allegedly goes on drug-crazed rampage in Harlem, New York disco and shoots five people, killing two.

20 World Boxing Council holds 20th Anniversary dinner at United Nations in New York. Bobby Chacon, two-time WBC champion, is not invited.

21 Carlos DeLeon knocks out Yaqui Lopez in 4 rounds in San Jose, Calif. to retain WBC cruiserweight title.

23 The "Buckeye Homecoming," Richfield, Ohio: 4½-1 underdog Gerrie Coetzee knocks out Michael Dokes at 3:08 of the 10th round to win the WBA heavyweight championship. On the undercard, Tim Witherspoon knocks out James "Quick" Tillis in one round; Alfredo Evangelista wins a highly-popular 10-round decision over Renaldo Snipes.

24 Gerrie Coetzee's wife Rina gives birth to girl, Tana—the couple's third child—at Cleveland Hospital.

● David Braxton wins the vacant NABF junior middleweight title with a 12-round split decision over James "Hard Rock" Green at the Totowa, N.J. Ice World.

27 Filipino Frank Cedeno knocks out Charlie Magri in the 6th round at the Wembley Arena, London, to win the World Flyweight Championship.

28 Pete Ranzany, 31 announces retirement due to injured right eye.

● Anthony Fletcher knocks out Ramon Jiminez at the Sands, A.C.

30 WBC finally opens a U.S. office, in conjunction with NABF in Austin, Tex.

● Juan Ramon Cruz knocks out Isidro (Gino) Perez in 7th round at Felt Forum, New York. Perez is in critical condition.

● Mike Weaver knocks out Stan Ward in 9th round at Inglewood, Calif.

19 Bruce Curry retains his WBC junior welterweight title with a 12-round split decision over Leroy Haley at the Showboat, L.V.

22 Eusebio Pedroza wins a 15-round unanimous decision over Jose Caba to retain World Featherweight Championship in St. Vincent, Italy.

23 Lupe Madera retains WBA junior flyweight title with 15-round unanimous decision over Katsuo Tokashiki in Sapporo, Japan.

● Matchmaker and ex-sportswriter Ken Rosenberg, 30, dies of leukemia in Tampa, Fla.

24 Washington, D.C. Boxing and Wrestling Commission fines Eddie Mustafa Muhammad $1000 and issues him one-year suspension for his conduct on date that Spinks bout was to take place.

25 Promoter Bob Andreoli and Caesars Palace announce that World Heavyweight Champion, Larry Holmes will defend his title against Marvis Frazier at that Las Vegas hotel on November 25.

26 Aaron Pryor relinquishes World Junior Welterweight Championship and announces his retirement from boxing.

● Richie Kates wins 10-round split decision over Jerry "The Bull" Martin at the Sands, A.C.

27 Pinklon Thomas beats Leroy Boone in 10-round Atlantic City bore.

30 Nino LaRocca extends his unbeaten run to 54-0 with 10-round decision over South African Harold Volbrecht in San Remo, Italy.

5-round, commission-sanctioned exhibition in Milwaukee, Wis.

12 John "The Beast" Mugabi decimates Curtis Parker for first-round knockout in Tampa, Fla.

16 Ran Shields whips Saoul Mamby in 12 rounds to win the vacant NABF 140-pound title.

17 Super-heavyweight James Broad lumbers to a 12-round split decision over Larry Alexander at Resorts International, A.C.

● Albert Davila returns to the ring for the first time since the Bejines bout and wins a non-title ten-round decision over Julio Rodrigues at the Olympic in Los Angeles. In another non-title bout on the same card, WBC junior featherweight champ Jaime Garza knocks out Beto Perez in 5.

18 Hector Camacho knocks out Rafael Solis in 5 to retain his WBC junior lightweight title in front of a solidly pro-Solis crowd at the Roberto Clemente Colisem in San Juan.

22 Tony Sibson knocks out Yuca Jiminez in 8 rounds at the Wembley Arena, London. Another British middleweight knockout artist, Mark Kaylor knocks Tony Cerda out cold in a prelim. But the knockout blow lands after the bell ending the 9th round and the British referee awards the bout to the American on a 9th-round disqualification.

● Sugar Ray Leonard announces he will box in an exhibition at Andrews Air Force Base on December 10. Leonard refuses to divulge whether he plans to end his retirement.

23 Aaron Pryor is arrested on cocaine charges after being stopped for a motor vehicle violation in Inglewood, Calif. He is held for 8 hours and released on $2,500 bail.

25 Larry Holmes retains his World Heavyweight Championship with a 1st-round, 2 minute and 57 second knockout of a pathetic Marvis Frazier at Caesars Palace. In a non-title prelim, WBA lightweight champion Ray Mancini knocks out Johnny Torres in 2:58 of round 1.

● Michael Spinks retains his World Light Heavyweight Title with a surprisingly hard-fought 10-round knockout of top-ranked WBA contender, Oscar Rivadeneyra in Vancouver, B.C.

26 Larry Holmes tells reporters in Las Vegas that he is "semi-retired" but would like to fight Gerrie Coetzee for no less than $100 million.

● Never Say Never Again!: Sugar Ray Leonard boxes 6-round exhibition against Herman Epps and Odell Leonard at Hangar 3 at Andrews Air Force Base and announces his full-fledged return to the ring.

13 IBF cruiserweight title fight in Halifax, Nova Scotia ends in chaos: Marvin Camel appears to knock out Roddy MacDonald in round 5, but Camel is disqualified by referee Bobby Beaton for low blow. IBF rep at ringside reverses ref and awards KO to Camel.

15 Wilfredo Gomez returns to ring for first time since he gave up Junior Featherweight Title and knocks out Eladio Santana in 2nd round in San Juan.

17 Jeff Chandler busts up challenger Oscar Muniz and stops him in round 7 at the Sands in Atlantic City to retain the World Bantamweight Championship and avenge Chandler's July loss at the same address.

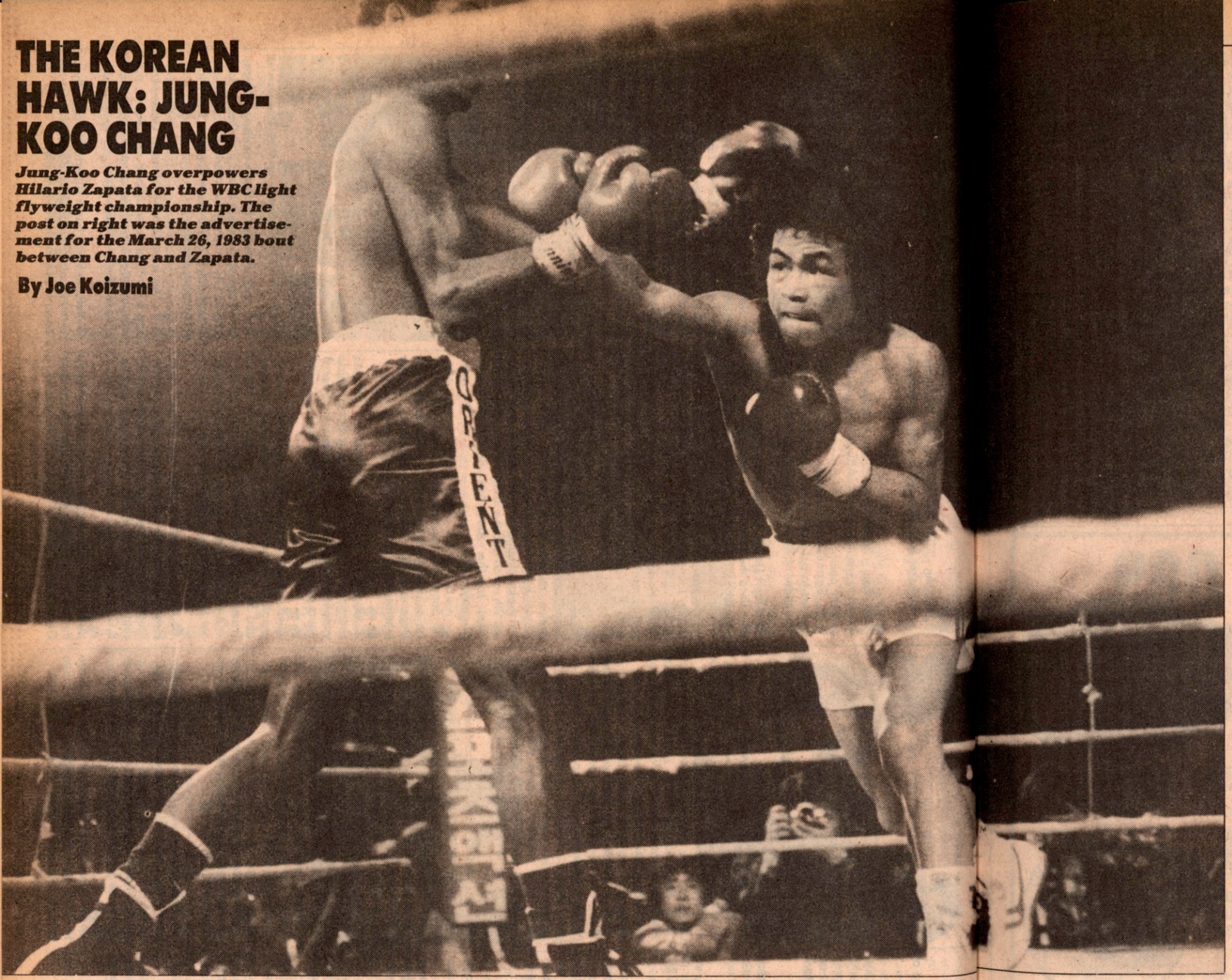
21 The Juan LaPorte-Wilfredo Gomez-Don King B-movie ends as LaPorte and Gomez sign with promoter Murad Muhammad for February WBC featherweight title fight.

● Refugio Rojas beats Alberto Mercado by a 12-round split decision in Syracuse, N.Y. for the vacant USBA featherweight title.

THE KOREAN HAWK: JUNG-KOO CHANG

Jung-Koo Chang overpowers Hilario Zapata for the WBC light flyweight championship. The post on right was the advertisement for the March 26, 1983 bout between Chang and Zapata.

By Joe Koizumi



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SOUTH KOREA IS MORE—MUCH MORE—than the mental picture people have of fields of rice paddies surrounded by jungle.

South Korea is mostly a mountainous country, located in Northeast Asia. It crams 41,000,000 people into 38,211 square miles—an area slightly larger than the state of Indiana. South Korea's capital is Seoul, which has over 8,000,000 inhabitants. Buddhism and Confucianism are its principal religions.

Travelers are surprised to find a young country, a growing country, one with many new skyscrapers and sports stadiums. South Korea is readying itself to play host to the 1988 Olympics.

While South Korea is heavily into sports, none of its Olympic teams are powerful enough to be considered serious threats to win any gold medals in the upcoming Olympics in Los Angeles. If they do win medals in any sport, most likely that sport will be boxing. Nothing is as popular in South Korea as boxing. American television network executives can only dream of achieving the staggering ratings boxing does on television in Korea.

Korea has produced 11 world champions, including WBC and WBA title claimants. The first Korean champion was Ki-Soo Kim, who wrested the world junior middleweight crown from Italy's Nino Benvenuti via 15-round decision in 1966. Kim lost the title to Sandro Mazzinghi after three defenses two years later.

Koreans are mostly infighters who are durable, hard-punching and courageous, although they are sometimes criticized for their lack of finesse and defense.

Despite losing efforts by Sang-Hyun Kim (to Aaron Pryor in 1983) and Deuk-Koo Kim (to Ray Mancini in November, 1982), Korea has dominated the Oriental fistic map with eight current OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) champions in 15 weight classes.

Probably the strongest of all the 11 Korean world champions is Jung-Koo Chang, the reigning WBC light flyweight champion. Chang is a fighting machine—a relentless puncher who does not let up until his opponent either gives up or collapses. Chang's pressuring, swarming style has led to experts affectionately referring to him as the "Little Aaron Pryor." Others say his style is very like that of Japan's Masahiko "Fighting" Harada, whose whirlwind attacks led him to the world flyweight championship against Pone Kingpetch in 1962 and the bantamweight crown against previously unbeaten Eder Jofre in 1965.

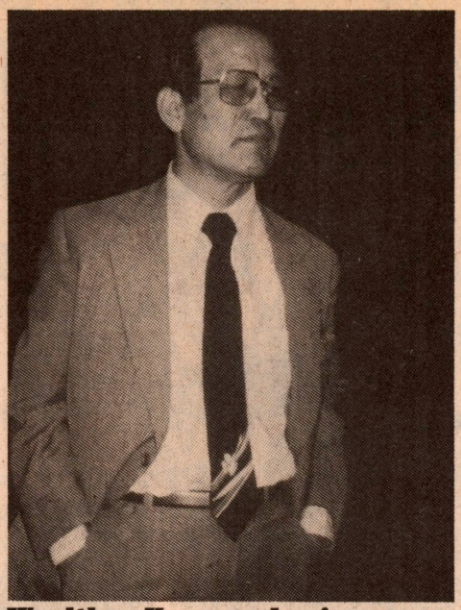
Chang, a baby-faced youngster, was born on February 4, 1963, in Pusan, South Korea. Pusan, situated on the southern end of the Korean peninsula, has slightly over 3,000,000 residents.

Chang was discovered as a teenager by Kukdong Promotions, which has tremendous influence and power in Korea, the Orient, Japan, the WBC and the WBA. It is run by 68-year-old Ho-Yun Chun, a wealthy Korean businessman. The Kukdong (which means Far East), possesses large gyms in many South Korean cities. Some of those gyms include: Kukdong Central (in Seoul), Kukdong Pusan, Kukdong West, etc. Kukdong promotes weekly cards on Saturday for KBS-TB, South Korea's most widely-viewed television station. The Kukdong used its network of boxing experts to scout and cultivate young prospects. If the youngster is very good, he is sent to Kukdong Central, which is run solely by Ho-Yun Chun. Jung-Koo Chang was such a case. After being discovered in Pusan, he moved on to learn his trade in Seoul.

Without any amateur experience, Chang moved right into the professional ranks. In his first fight, he stopped Chong-Yul Suh in the third round. That was on November 17, 1980. In the next 12 days, Chang fought four more times—an unheard of pace, even by old-time standards. These bouts were all part of the Novice King Tournament, which allows the winners to enter the Korean Commission's top 10 in each division, owing to their passing the "Gate of the Rookie." In Chang's November 23rd bout, he decisioned Ho-Chul Pyun, who would later become a Korean national champion. On November 29, Chang outpointed Hi-Sup Shin in the tournament's semi-final match; Shin is a cur-

rent OPBF champion. On December 9, Chang outscored Nam-Keun Kang over six rounds to win his division's title in the All-Korea tournament. After three victories during the first three months of 1981, during which time he displayed the remarkable ability to switch from boxing in a right-handed stance to southpaw, Chang was ready to more into th 10-round class. On April 25, just five months after entering the paid ranks, Chang met his first foreign rival and, after 10 highly-impressive rounds, during which time he displayed tremendous hand speed, foot speed, mobility, stamina and defense, copped an easy one-sided decision over Michael Pullkie. From this fight on, all but one of Chang's opponents were foreign. The reason: Korean managers, trainers, promoters and matchmakers all had seen Chang in action and in training too often. There was no way they would put their fighters in with the "Korean Hawk."

Finding meaningful fights for flyweights and junior flyweights is a tough thing to do, especially when the man is as tough as Chang. With no Korean flyweights or junior flyweights willing to face the 5'3½" whirlwind, Chang had to look outside of Korea for action. His tremendous activity pace—10 fights in five months—came to a halt.

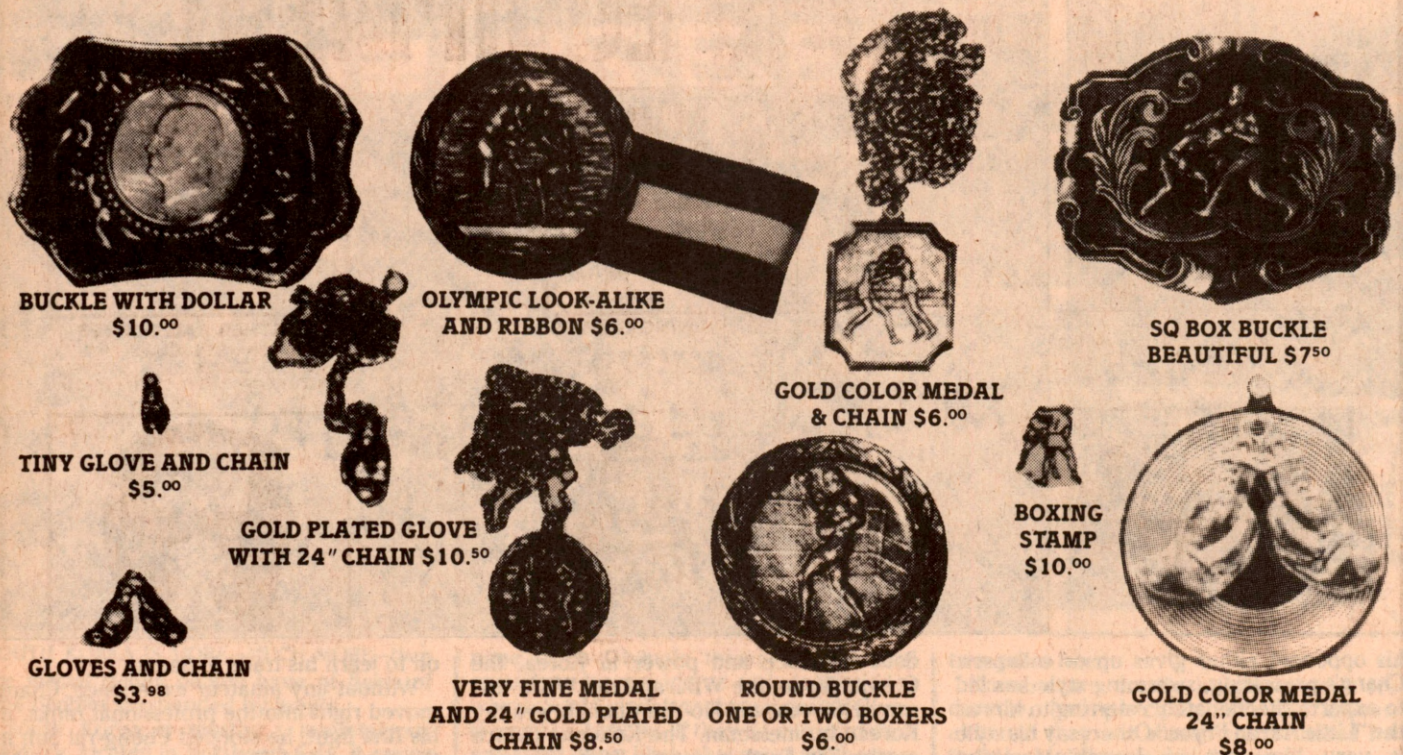


Wealthy Korean businessman Ho-Yun Chun keeps his hands in his pockets ever since his Jung-Koo Chang became champion.

In June, he won a 10-round decision over Filipino Oscar Boliva in Daejon, Korea. It was three months before Chang could coax another flyweight—Rod Esmero, a countryman of Boliva's—to step in the ring against him. Chang easily outpointed Esmero over 10.

Despite his vaunted power, Chang had now gone five consecutive fights without knocking a man out. Though he had knocked a few of those opponents down, he couldn't keep them down. He was trying too hard for the knockout once he had a man hurt. It changed his entire fight plan. His lack of experience was showing. Chang knew this, so he worked on correcting his flaws in the Kukdong Central Gym. He also began to concentrate on getting maximum leverage on his punches. The results were immediately noticeable.

Koreans are not alone in their aggressive fighting style. Mexicans are very similar. They come forward and throw punches in non-stop style. They, like Koreans, are extremely durable. Because of this, a match between a Mexican and a Korean usually makes for a highly interesting contest. Such was the case when Chang faced Mexico's



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Leonardo Valdez in October, 1981 in Daejon. Valdez went after Chang, but he didn't have to look far. The Korean was there to meet him head on. The two swapped blow after blow in the early rounds. Then, in the fifth round, Valdez began to tire from the tremendous pace. Chang stepped up the pace even more. Finally, after watching Valdez take a merciless pounding, the referee halted the bout in the sixth round. Chang set the same brutal pace the following month, disposing of Thailand's Chutmongkol Thairungriang in the second round. Two days later, Chang was back in the gym.

Present during one of Chang's workouts was Ho-Yun Chun, the president of Kukdong Promotions. As Chang sparred with then WBC super flyweight champion Chul-Ho Kim, Chun studied him. He was extremely impressed with the way the undefeated 18-year-old Chang handled himself. He was even more impressed with the way he handled Kim. Chang totally overwhelmed the world champion during the workout. Chun was convinced it was time to begin moving Chang towards a world title shot. He put together a match between Chang and former world flyweight king Alfonso Lopez of Panama.

A familiar scene: Jung-Koo Chang raising his hand after yet another victory.

Lopez was a slick boxer-puncher who had dethroned Erbito Salavarria, beaten Shoji Oguma and lost his crown to Guty Espadas, all in 1976. The Panamanian was 28 and a risk for Ho-Yun Chun and his prospect, Chang. Yet, both were extremely confident that Lopez would be defeated.

The fight took place in the Changchung Gymnasium in Seoul, where many world title bouts take place. Lopez spent the first round moving behind a strong jab, respectful of Chang's reputation as a banger. In the second round, Chang began to pick up the pace and cut the ring off on Lopez. Late in the round, Chang found Lopez's chin with a combination, sending him to the canvas. Taking his time and picking his shots, Chang dropped him again near the end of the round. In round three, Chang charged out at Lopez and nailed him with a solid right to the jaw, followed by a left hook. Lopez was dropped for the full count. Chang was now 15-0. Manager Chun, one of boxing's most articulate and colorful personalities, quickly began talking up a fight between Chang and another Panamanian, Hilario Zapata, holder of the WBC junior flyweight championship.

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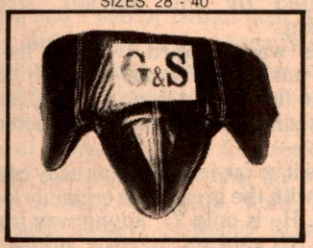

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together, Chun had to convince Korea's KBS-TV to put up $110,000 for Zapata to come to Korea. However, as Chun went into negotiations for a Zapata match, the Panamanian lost his crown to Mexico's Amado Ursua. All Chang could do was stay busy and hope to fight Ursua. So, he kayoed Chong-Kwan in round six in February, then halted Luk-odd Phitiporn in the fifth round two months later. Nine days after beating Phitiporn, Chang's quest for Ursua's title ended—the Mexican lost on decision to Japan's Tadashi Tomori. In just over two months, the WBC junior flyweight title had jumped from Zapata to Ursua to Tomori.

Now, Chun and Chang re-set their sights on Tomori. In order to get to Tomori, the WBC ordered Chang to fight Ursua. The fight took place in Seoul, on July 10. Ursua, terribly cautious, did little more than circle and retreat from the "Korean Hawk." In the sixth round, a well-timed right caught Ursua circling and dropped him.

Although Chang desperately tried to finish Ursua, the ex-champion was too ringwise and cagey to allow himself to get caught again. He spent the rest of the fight on the run. Chang captured a one-sided unanimous decision. Ten days later, Zapata regained the crown, outpointing Tomori over 15 rounds.

It was time for Chang to face Zapata. A title match was put together for September 4 in Chongju City, Korea. A postponement of two weeks became necessary when Chang suffered a deep slice on one of his feet while walking barefoot. On the 18th, the long awaited Zapata-Chang bout took place.

During the early stages of the fight, Zapata looked to be totally overmatched. Chang stormed him, pinning him to the ropes and battering him with both hands.

By the middle rounds, Zapata was still fighting with his back to the ropes, but at least he was punching, looking to counter Chang's rushes with short southpaw hooks and short lefts. By the 10th round, Chang was standing very stationary. His normal bounciness was missing. It was apparent that the cut he had suffered on his foot several weeks earlier was bothering him.

The final four rounds were perhaps the best of the bout, with Chang walking in trying to topple Zapata, and the champion repeatedly nailing Chang with light—but scoring—punches. Although the writer saw it 146-145 for Chang, the three scoring officials saw a different fight—two of them, anyway. One of them gave it to the Korean, 148-145. The other two had the Panamanian in front, 144-142 and 147-144. A riot looked to be on the way, as angry fans began throwing things into the ring. Korea has seen many riots before. In recent years, Koreans have rioted after the Rigoberto Riasco vs. Dong-Kyun Yum, Soo-Hwan Hong vs. Alfonso Zamora and Ricardo Cardona vs. Soon-Hyung Chung bouts. Thankfully, the fans cooled down and a riot was averted. The fans merely muttered amongst themselves as they filed out of the arena.

One of the most outraged spectators was Ho-Yun Chun. He, as did most witnesses, felt Chang had won. He immediately went to work arranging a rematch. As Chun worked, both Zapata and Chang stayed active.

RING RECORD OF JUNG-KOO CHANG

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Nov. 17	Chong-Yul Suh	Seoul, Korea	KO 3
Nov. 19	Jin-Sun Park	Seoul	KO 3
Nov. 22	Ei-Kwan Lee	Seoul	W 4
Nov. 23	Ho-Chul Pyun	Seoul	W 4
Nov. 29	Hi-Sup Shin	Seoul	W 4
Dec. 9	Nam-Keun Kang	Seoul	W 6

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 11	Jun-Sun Park	Pusan, Korea	KO 2
Jan. 23	Chang-Kwon Hong	Pusan	W 8
Mar. 29	Yo-Dong Kim	Pusan	W 6
Apr. 25	Michael Pullkie	Pusan	W 10
June 7	Oscar Boliva	Daejon, Korea	W 10
Sept. 4	Rod Esmero	Pusan	W 10
Oct. 11	Leonardo Valdez	Daejon	KO 6
Nov. 18	Chutmongkol Thairungriang	Pusan	KO 2
Dec. 26	Alfonso Lopez	Seoul	KO 3

1982

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 10	Chong-Kwan Chung	Taegu, Korea	KO 6
Apr. 4	Luk-odd Phitiporn	Pusan	KO 5
July 10	Amado Ursua	Seoul	W 10
Sept. 19	Hilario Zapata (For WBC Light Flyweight Title)	Chongju, Korea	L 15
Dec. 5	Rodrigo Saonoy	Chinju, Korea	W 10

1983

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 6	Tito Abella	Chongju	KO 2
Mar. 26	Hilario Zapata (Won WBC Light Flyweight Title)	Daegon	KO 3
June 11	Masaharu Iha (Retained WBC Light Flyweight Title)	Taegu	KO 2
Sept. 10	German Torres (Retained WBC Light Flyweight Title)	Daejon	W 15

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
24	23	1	0	11

In November, Zapata was back in the ring, facing Tomori in a rematch. The Panamanian was sharp, blasting Tomori with fast combinations from the start. At 1:59 of the eighth round, Zapata had himself another victory.

On December 5, Chang returned to action, banging out a lopsided 10-round decision over Filipino Rodrigo Saonoy. Two months later, another Filipino, Tito Abella, traveled to Korea to battle Chang. Abella had lasted seven rounds against perhaps the greatest junior flyweight of all, Yoko Gushiken, in October, 1979. Against Chang, he never was given the chance to get untracked, falling in the second round under Chang's blazing fists.

On March 26, 1983, Hilario Zapata and Jung-Koo Chang were finally in the ring against one another. At stake was the WBC junior flyweight title. The fight took place in Daejon, in front of a near-capacity crowd.

Zapata, who had just finished serving as prison sentence for hitting his mother during an argument, was in poor condition. One week before the fight he weighed nine pounds over the divisional limit of 108. On the day of the fight, he had to make six trips to the scale before making weight.

Knowing this fact, Chang wanted Zapata to work as hard and as fast for as long as possible. The pace Chang set would have made even Aaron Pryor envious. Punches flew at Zapata from all angles. They flew in bunches. Midway through round three, Zapata took a standing eight-count from referee Rudy Ortega. Following the count, Ortega gave Zapata the command to continue fighting. The champion refused. He merely walked to his corner and fell to one knee. He had had enough. Korea, which had lost their final world champion in November, 1982, when Chul-Ho Kim was beaten by Rafael Orono, had a world champ once again.

On June 11, less than three months after winning the crown, Chang was back in the ring defending it. His opponent was former Japanese champion Masaharu (Inami) Iha. The fight ended in round two, after Iha had been dropped twice in the opening round. A knockdown only seconds into round two was all referee Marty Denkin had to see to stop the fight at 0:58 of the stanza.

Chang's second defense, on September 10, was an action-packed affair. Challenging for his crown was Mexico's German Torres, the WBC's number one contender. Torres, who came into the fight with a record of 41-5-1, was regarded as a dangerous puncher. Thirty-five of his victories were by way of knockout or stoppage. However, it was one-sided for Chang right from the start. A first round right to the chin almost sent the challenger down, and he spent the remainder of the session clutching and grabbing at Chang. From then on, Torres seemed befuddled by the quicker, stronger champion.

Torres was dropped twice in the 10th round, but somehow managed to survive until the final bell in round 12. The scoring was unanimous and nearly a shutout for Chang.

Yet, is it so far-fetched to already compare Chang with the greats? He certainly looks to be one. He is only 21, a long way from his prime. He appears to grow stronger and more ring-wise with every fight. He has an incredibly solid jaw and Popeye-like arms which make him look heavier than his 108 pounds. But the looks are deceiving. Though he looks heavier than he is, Chang has absolutely no problem making weight.

As far as Korean fight fans are concerned, America can keep Larry Holmes, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Aaron Pryor. They've got their own "Hawk," and in the eyes of Korean fight fans, pound-for-pound and inch-for-inch, the best fighter is Chang.

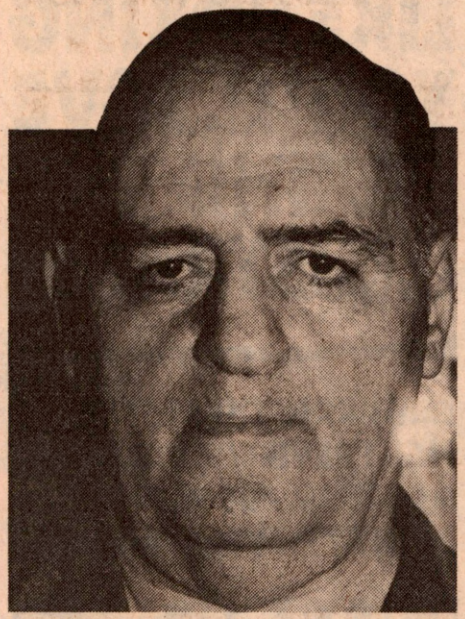
IN THIS CORNER

BY NIGEL COLLINS

Every month* The Ring *will take readers behind the scenes and introduce them to part of the vast army of "fight people" who populate boxing. From commissioners to cutmen, from promoters to publicists, these, and an endless array of trainers, managers, ring announcers and assorted hangers-on, are the special ingredients that make boxing the most colorful sport in the world.

EDDIE ALIANO (CUTMAN)

Cutmen come in all shapes and sizes, bringing varying skills to their mystical art. Some offer little more than crude first-aid in the form of direct pressure and a smear of vaseline. Others are veritable wizards, stemming Niagara-like gushers with surgical precision and a dab or two of their magical potions. Among the best of today's crop is barrel-chested Eddie Aliano, who can be found plying his trade from the smoke-filled small clubs to the glittering gambling palaces of Atlantic City and Las Vegas. He's traversed the globe, patching up pugs in England, Norway, Germany, South Africa, Japan, and Canada... Aliano began his career 25 years ago, hanging out at the Passyunk Gym in South Philly where he carried the bucket for the likes of Joey Giardello and Sonny Liston. Eddie kept his eyes and ears open and his mouth shut, absorbing knowledge and gaining the confidence of fighters and managers alike with his calm disposition and ability to wield the swab. He worked his first world title fight on November 30, 1976 when Tyrone Everett challenged Alfredo Escalera for the WBC junior lightweight title at the Spectrum.



Everett lost a highly controversial decision, suffering a horrible laceration in the 13th round. Somehow, Aliano managed to hold Tyrone's forehead together for the last three rounds, gaining a tremendous amount of recognition in the process. Since that magnificent effort, Eddie has been one of the most sought after men in the business. He recently returned from Tokyo where he handled his 20th world title bout when Jeff Chandler successfully defended his WBA bantamweight belt against Eijiro Murata. Following 40 years with the Pennsylvania Railroad, Aliano, a robust 65, now devotes himself full-time to boxing. He maintains a busy schedule, working approximately eight to 10 cards per month. Unlike many cutmen, who guard the contents of their coagulants with jealous secrecy, Aliano is more than willing to share his wealth of knowledge. He claims that Avitene is best for the really deep cuts. But if the truth be known, the best medicine for any cut is probably Eddie Aliano.

GEORGE BENTON (TRAINER)

They called George Benton "Champ" even though he never won a world title. Now that he's traded his gloves for a trainer's towel, they call him "The Professor", even though he's never taught a college course. Benton's classroom is the gym where he instructs his pupils in the finer points of the "sweet science".

During his fighting days, Benton was as classy a boxer-puncher as ever came out of Philadelphia. He could do it all. His masterful defense and deadly combination punching carried him through 21 years as a pro, earning a record of 61-13-1 (36 kayoes) against the best two decades had to offer. As a trainer his record is equally impressive.

Benton began tutoring fighters long before he retired from active combat. When his trainer, Charlie Rose, went on the road, George was often left in charge of the stable. During his Army stint in 1956-57, Benton coached the Army team with excellent results.

After he hung up his gloves, Benton's first notable success was with Joe Frazier. George helped prepare "Smokin' Joe" for his 1974 bout with Jerry Quarry and is credited with developing Joe's long-neglected right hand. Next, George revived the career of Bennie Briscoe, keeping the popular Philly middleweight rolling long after most critics had relegated him to the scrap heap.

At the present, Benton is working with Rocky Lockridge, Johnny Bumphus, Earl (The Pearl) Hargrove and Charles Singleton. He was instrumental, along with Lou Duva,

in designing the tactics Lockridge used to upset Cornelius Boza-Edwards. George is a thinking man's trainer and believes that fighter and trainer must develop a good personal relationship in order to succeed. Although Benton never had the pleasure of winning a world title, it shouldn't be too long before he can enjoy the satisfaction derived from training one.

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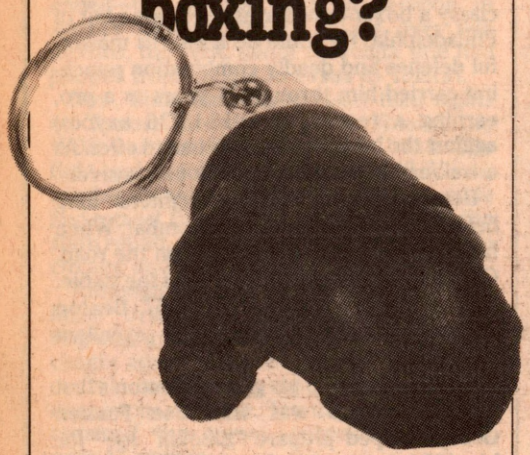

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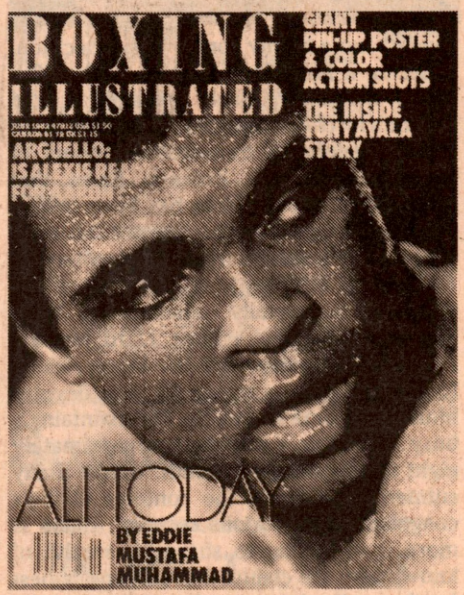

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MURRAY GOODMAN (PUBLICIST)

Although the rumor that Murray Goodman handled the publicity for Cain-Able is completely unfounded, it wouldn't be stretching the point to say that he is without peer in boxing's ballyhoo business. Goodman has earned the right to be called "the dean of boxing publicists" by doing what he does best, longer and more successfully than anyone else. It all started back in 1931, when he went to work for the Universal News Service, a forerunner of United Press International. By the time he was 21, Goodman had become the newsgathering agency's sports editor, a position he held until Universal folded in 1947. The following year, Murray got his first boxing publicist

job as Marcel Cerdan's press agent. He's been at it, in one form or another, ever since.

From 1949 to 1960, Goodman was publicist for the International Boxing Club, operating out of Madison Square Garden. After 12 years at this post, he left to form Murray Goodman Associates, his own public relations firm. While he has hyped everything from pro football to tennis, boxing has remained Murray's first love and main priority. He has travelled to the far corners of the world, beating the drum in such exotic locales as Jamaica (Foreman-Frazier), Venezuela (Foreman-Norton), and Zaire (Ali-Foreman). In 1969, Goodman received the James J. Walker Memorial Award for long and meritorious service to boxing. He is currently Director of Public Relations and Publicity for Don King Productions.

A small, owlish man, Goodman is seldom seen without his obligatory cigar. He is almost as much a part of the boxing scene as the ring itself. At the age of 70, Goodman still maintains a breakneck pace and if there is ever a boxing card held on the moon, don't be too surprised if Murray does the p.r.

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